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## Vongfong exacerbates Rota crisis

» **Rota Resort owner to help residents**

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**T**yphoon Vongfong spared much of the CNMI but on Rota, where it came closest to at 18 miles, it left behind damage that, compounded with other lingering issues, has left the island in what could only be described as a "state of disaster."

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The combination photo shows Faloma, left, age-progressed to 13 years and Maleina age-progressed to 12 years. They were last seen at the bus stop near their home in the village of As Tao on May 25, 2011. Faloma was last seen wearing a light green shirt with a butterfly design and blue jeans. Maleina was last seen wearing a white blouse and blue jeans. She has a birthmark on her left cheek.

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### AS FBI RENEWS EFFORTS TO LOCATE LUHK SISTERS

#### FBI turns to Hawaii, other states

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation has renewed efforts to locate missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk, this time focusing its publicity campaign in Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington State—states with sizeable populations originating from the CNMI.

Vida G. Bottom, special agent-in-

charge of the Honolulu Office of the FBI, said the bureau is hoping that this latest publicity push and the age-enhanced photos of the Luhk sisters will generate new leads to resolve this case.

In a statement released yesterday, Bottom said the FBI is seeking the public's help in providing information regarding the Luhk sisters, who disappeared.

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## 25-pct. deferred pension now with Settlement Fund

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The Executive Branch has already done its part. Now it's up to the Settlement Fund as to when they will release retirees' 25-percent deferred pensions covering July, August, and September.

This essentially is what acting press secretary Ivan A. Blanco told media yesterday re-

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### INTERISLAND VISIT

Members of the Guam *man'amko* join the Office on Aging staff, Saipan *man'amko*, Saipan Seniors Advisory Council, and supporters yesterday morning for a get-together at the Aging Center in Garapan. This is the second time for Guam *man'amko* to visit the CNMI. Music, activities, story telling, and dancing were shared among the senior citizens of the NMI.

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## Local

## Mariana Resort prexy confident they will get lease extension

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The president of Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. is confident that Mariana Resort & Spa will be able to continue doing business in the CNMI even as negotiations continue for an extension of its public lands lease.

The House of Representatives on Friday presented a commemorative resolution to Kan Pacific and a commemorative plaque to the Kitami family "for over 36 years of exceptional services provided to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Kan Pacific president Yoshiro Kitami, on behalf of his family, thanked the House for the honor.

"The ceremony and the recognition are greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful, humbling experience to be so respected and honored. We don't just see ourselves as a business operating on a piece of land. We feel that we are a part of a community, and it has been a pleasure being a part of this wonderful community. We are at home here in the CNMI."

The Marpi land lease of Mariana Resort is set to expire in 2018.



Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) shakes hands with Kan Pacific Ltd. former president Naoki Kirami, while president Yoshiro Kitami, left, and chair Harou Kitami look on during last Friday's commemorative resolution presentation honoring Mariana Resort & Spa and its owners at the House of Representatives' chamber. Also in photo are Mariana Resort general Gloria Cavanagh and Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) with other representatives in the background.

Despite reports that Best Sunshine International Ltd. wants to build is \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on the property, it is Kitami's hope that Mariana

Resort will continue to operate on the island.

"We are confident that another long-term arrangement will be entered with the CNMI

because that is truly what is in the best interests of this community. We are looking forward to continuing to be a contributing member of this wonderful com-

munity," he said.

The author of the commemorative resolution, Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), said he wanted to honor Mariana Resort and the Kitami family for close to 40 years of being a loyal and responsible corporate citizen of the CNMI.

The lawmaker said despite the bursting of the Japanese economic bubble in the late 1990s and the departure of Japan Airlines in 2005, Kan Pacific has remained on the islands and is one the longest-tenured Japanese-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

"We still need Japanese businesses. In fact, I'd like to see Japanese businesses return and thrive in the CNMI and eventually bring back the Japanese tourist market," said Leon Guerrero.

As representative of Precinct 4, where the Marianas Resort property is located, Leon Guerrero said he would like to see Kan Pacific's 40-year land lease extended anew by the Department of Public Lands.

Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh said some 50 of the hotel's employees attended Friday's commemorative resolution and plaque

presentation.

Other heads of Japanese businesses on the island also went to Capital Hill, including Pacific Development, Inc. president Takahiro Tomie and general manager Masanori Takahashi, R&C Tours general manager Takayuki Tanaka, HIS Tours general manager Ryusuke Asakura, Aqua Resort Club general manager Hiroyuki Toyoshima, Tropical Laundry president Mr. Kobayashi, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort general manager and senior vice president Tetsuya Matsunaga, and PMT Tours Saipan general manager Masaru Sunaga. Matsunaga also serves as president of the Japan Association, while Sunaga is the head of the Japan Saipan Travel Association.

According to the commemorative resolution, Kan Pacific and the CNMI government executed a lease agreement in December 1977 for approximately 146 hectares of property in Marpi. Since then, Mariana Resort has grown into a first class facility that includes a 74-room low-rise set of suites, 50 Bali-style cottages, acclaimed spa and dining facilities, racing circuits for go-karts, a mini golf course, driving range, and an 18-hole golf course.

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# UMDA's lawsuit against its former CEO is dismissed

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Consuelo B. Marshall has dismissed a lawsuit filed by United Micronesia Development Association Inc. against its former president and chief executive officer, David L. Wickline.

In an order on Tuesday, Marshall dismissed with prejudice UMDA's claims for declaratory relief, fraud, and wrongful dilution. Dismissed with prejudice means UMDA cannot re-file the lawsuit.

In the same order, Marshall dismissed without prejudice UMDA's claims for breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and injunctive relief. The judge gave UMDA no later than Oct. 22, 2014, to submit an amended complaint.

Dismissed without prejudice allows UMDA to re-file the case on those claims in the future.

UMDA sued Wickline "to protect its shareholders from dilution of their interests in the company, to recover substantial damages that UMDA discovered during the course of its investigation, and to stop Wickline from working behind the scene to undermine shareholder confidence."

Wickline also sued UMDA, seeking monetary damages. The

cases are now consolidated.

Wickline, through counsel Colin Thompson, moved to dismiss UMDA's complaint.

UMDA alleged three causes of action against Wickline: no right to any additional compensation, no right to travel pass or employment, and no right to UMDA stock options.

In dismissing the declaratory relief claims, Marshall said such claims are "superfluous" and unnecessary to settle aspects of a controversy that's already before the court.

Accordingly, Marshall said the court declines to exercise jurisdiction over UMDA's declaratory action claims, and dismissed them with prejudice.

With respect to the fraud claim, the judge ruled that a two-year statute of limitations applies to UMDA's claim.

Marshall said that UMDA had specific opportunities to discover Wickline's alleged fraud well before January 2012, the expiration of the statute of limitations.

Therefore, Marshall said, the court is not persuaded by UMDA's claim that its first reasonable opportunity to discover the purported fraud was in February 2012, when Wickline sought to exercise the disputed stock options.

Marshall said UMDA further delayed bringing its fraud claim

until the lawsuit was filed on Jan. 13, 2014.

On breach of fiduciary duty claim, the judge noted that there are no specific factual allegations that Wickline breached his contract of service generally or failed to faithfully fulfill his other required duties.

"In fact, plaintiff alleges that UMDA continued to utilize Wickline's services even after UMDA was allegedly made aware of Wickline's disloyalty," she said.

Marshall said as a result of Wickline's disloyalty, UMDA pleads only that Wickline demanded 150,000 shares of UMDA stock for \$5 per share, demanded an additional \$600,000 in compensation, and demanded retention of the Unit-

ed Airlines travel pass until its expiration in 2018.

Marshall said UMDA alleges that it refused to pay Wickline any of the severance and compensation he is now seeking.

"Assuming plaintiff's allegations are true, UMDA was not damaged by Wickline's alleged breaches of the fiduciary duty of loyalty," she said.

On unjust enrichment claim, Marshall said that UMDA failed to allege that any of the compensation it paid Wickline resulted from or was related to Wickline's allegedly disloyal or fraudulent activities.

On injunction relief matter, UMDA seeks to stop Wickline's communications with shareholders where he might challenge the position of current

UMDA directors.

Marshall said there is no allegation that Wickline's communications threaten UMDA's constitutional rights, or that a restraint of this speech is compelling.

Marshall said the complaint fails to provide any facts upon which the court could conclude that UMDA is entitled to prior restraint of their former director's communications.

With respect to dilution issue, UMDA alleges that UMDA and its shareholders were damaged by Wickline's "self-dealing" because his "purported 150,000 shares" diluted the value of the shares of other UMDA shareholders.

Marshall said UMDA's allegations are insufficient to state a claim.

First, the judge said, the complaint alleges that UMDA did not award, nor honor, Wickline's alleged self-grant of stock options.

Marshall said an award of stock options or dilution of shares is necessarily a corporation action, not an action that an individual director can orchestrate without the corporation's approval.

Marshall said Wickline could not (and UMDA alleges he could not) award himself stock options.

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## 7-day prison sentence for man who beat up 2 while posing as a woman

A 24-year-old man who posed as a woman and beat up a man and a woman for no apparent reason in Koblerville was sentenced yesterday to seven days in prison.

Jason Tira pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and battery as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Tira to six months imprisonment, all suspended except for seven days, with credit for time served. He will be placed on supervised probation for one year.

Tira was also ordered to perform 50 hours of community service and pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

During his probation, Tira is prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Tira. Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy appeared for the government.

The case arose from an incident on July 24, 2014, on Saipan, when Tira pushed Ehrick C. Solomon and slapped

his face. Tira also slapped Sabrina Satur's face, pulled her hair, and punched her.

According to a police report, when spotted by police, Tira was dressed in female clothing and was imitating a woman's voice.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a police officer responded to a report of a disturbance at the KB Store parking lot in Koblerville last July 24, at 8:09pm.

Kintoki said the officer came upon a woman who was holding her neck and was complaining of severe neck pain. The woman was shaking and gasping for breath. Medics were summoned to the scene.

The victim told the police she had been sitting on a bench when she saw Tira pushing and slapping a man in the back. Tira then approached her, slapped her on the face, and pulled her hair.

Solomon told police that Tira came out of nowhere and started pushing him.

At 10:31pm that same day, a caller informed the Department of Public Safety that Tira was seen at the former David Market. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



# 30 Guam *man'amko* visit Saipan's *man'amko*

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A 30-member group of *man'amko* from Guam visited the Office on Aging yesterday for socials and a get-together with their Saipan counterparts.

The Guam *man'amko* were accompanied by four chaperones, including Mangilao Mayor Nonito C. Blas, who made

the initial contact with Aging about bringing the *man'amko* together.

"They visited and wanted to spend time with our *man'amko* and it was great idea to bring them here and socialize with our clients," said an Office on Aging statement.

Yesterday's programs and activities kicked off with Aging's very own *man'amko* band

composed of Jess Pangelinan, Eden Liwag, and Aging's staff Orlando Limes performing for the visitors.

"We were also honored with the presence of Guam artist Danny Orlino who sang with the *man'amko* band," Aging said.

Orlino is a well-known, award-winning artist.

According to the Aging

Office, the 18<sup>th</sup> CNMI Legislature assisted them through the Seniors Advisory Council, who asked for help on providing transportation, among other services.

The visiting *man'amko* funded their trip to the CNMI through their own fundraisers, such as bingo games.

It was their second time to visit Saipan.

## Justices hear Crisostomo's appeal to reverse 'ice' conviction

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The CNMI Supreme Court placed under advisement yesterday Joseph A. Crisostomo's appeal to reverse his conviction on a count of illegal possession of methamphetamine or "ice."

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Associate Justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos heard Crisostomo's appeal.

Assistant public defender Michael A. Sato argued as counsel for Crisostomo. Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy argued for the government.

Crisostomo was convicted in February this year of possession of methamphetamine and criminal contempt. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced him to the maximum of five years and six months without the possibility of parole.

Crisostomo, through Sato, appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court.

The issue that Sato presented was whether the Superior Court erred in finding reasonable suspicion for a traffic stop, when the police officers initiated the stop without any objective reasons for suspecting wrongdoing. The officers detained and conducted a search of Crisostomo, which Sato said was a violation of his client's Fourth Amendment right.

The other issue that Sato presented was whether the Superior Court erred by admitting the evidence recovered as a result of the search on Crisostomo, when that evidence was obtained pursuant to an unlawful search that violated defendant's Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

On Jan. 11, 2012 at 3:17am, police officers Tyrone Teregeyo and T. J. Yangetmai were conducting a routine check at a secluded beach area in Susupe, Saipan. The area is routinely checked by the police because it is known for drug related crime. As the officers turned into the dirt road aboard a marked police vehicle, a Toyota Tercel that was parked in the middle of the one-lane road turned on its engine and headlights.

The car sped directly toward the officers' vehicle, almost causing a head-on collision. The officers searched the backseat of the vehicle and found a glass tube suspected to be drug paraphernalia. Crisostomo, who was a passenger, and his companion were arrested for possession of less than a gram of "ice."

Sato argued, among other things, that the trial court erred by finding reasonable suspicion for the traffic stop because the police officer was unable to articulate objective reasons that meet a totality of the circum-

stances test to establish reasonable suspicion of legal wrongdoing to justify the officer's decision to initiate the stop of Crisostomo's vehicle.

Sato said there were no specific indicators of criminal conduct that would justify the police officer's detention of Crisostomo.

"In the absence of reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, the Fourth Amendment protects individuals from police detention without a warrant," said Sato in the opening brief.

Sato said the search of Crisostomo's vehicle and person violated the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, requiring suppression.

Sato said the trial court erred by allowing the evidence to be introduced into evidence at the trial.

The defense counsel said the vehicle was not free to leave the area and the vehicle did not commit a traffic offense authorizing a traffic stop.

Sato said Crisostomo did not try to escape as he and his companion did not run away, but just stayed in the vehicle.

Sato said the place cannot be characterized as a crime area as there is no data to support this characterization.

Assistant attorney general Brown-Badawy said the high court should uphold Crisosto-

mo's conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Brown-Badawy said police officers Teregeyo and Yangetmai had multiple reasons to develop a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity as Crisostomo was in a place believed to be a high-crime area at a highly unusual time, 3:17am.

Brown-Badawy said that looking at the totality of the circumstances, officers were reasonable in suspecting that a crime was occurring, and were justified in conducting an investigatory detention.

The prosecutor cited several previous court rulings to support the government's arguments.

The government argued that, although warrantless searches are generally unconstitutional, the automobile exception applies to justify the search in this case.

The prosecutor said upon conducting an investigatory detention, officers saw drug paraphernalia in plain view.

The government, argued, among other things, that the officers had probable cause to believe that Crisostomo had concealed additional evidence in the car.

Crisostomo, 41, is currently serving life imprisonment for kidnapping, raping, killing, and robbing bartender Emerita R. Romero. He is also appealing his conviction in that case.

Hocog told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they are now working on solving this problem with Luta Mermaid LLC that will soon arrive on Rota.

Luta Mermaid will operate a cargo and passenger ship called M/V *Luta*, a 150-foot, 500-ton cargo ship.

Hocog said that once the U.S. Coast Guard certifies the vessel, M/V *Luta* would make a substantial difference in bringing in commodities to the island "because [with] the barge, you have to tow it. If it is a cargo ship, it will be easier."

He said the vessel should be on Rota early next month.

"This is what we need in terms of bringing in food and supplies. We are pushing hard to move the cargo ship down to Rota but because of the stringent requirements of the Coast Guard, they held back the departure of the ship," he said.

Hocog said he and other Rota lawmakers will be meeting soon to address the problems on Rota.

According to Aging office, the Guam *man'amko* found the center beautiful, has a lot of things going on, and has more people than before. They sang karaoke, watched TV, played pool, ping-pong, and basketball and shared jokes and stories.

"We also shared ideas with the visiting *man'amko*," Aging office said.

The visiting *man'amko* will be back at the center this morning and will go sightseeing,

shopping and other leisure activities in the afternoon. They will be leaving this Friday.

Aging said that it was a good idea for the *man'amko* of both islands to mingle because it creates a bond.

"It was a great idea because if we decide to go to Guam, it will be great to have the CNMI link up with the neighboring island and we might go up to Guam to visit them as well," Aging said.

## 25-PCT

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garding the issuance of the latest allocation of deferred pension payments owed the Commonwealth's retirees.

"Finance already transferred the funds to the Settlement Fund's bank account. Now we will just have to wait for the Settlement Fund to issue out the payments to the retirees. It is the governor's hope that the deferred pensions will be released this week, hopefully by Friday [Oct. 10]. Just like last time," said Blanco.

He said the release of the deferred payments would bring current payments to retirees to 100 percent.

"The government will come in with the other 25 percent. So everything will be 100 percent by Oct. 15. We would have caught up with all the payments by then," he said.

An email sent to Settlement Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan asking about the release date of the 25-percent deferred pension remained unanswered as of press time.

## FBI

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peared from Saipan on May 5, 2011.

Faloma and Maleina Luhk were ages 10 and 9 when they mysteriously disappeared at a bus stop near their house in As Teo.

FBI spokesman special agent Tom Simon said yesterday that the FBI and local authorities will not stop digging until they get the Luhk family the answers they deserve.

Simon said the FBI regards this as an ongoing investigation.

"There is someone out there who knows what happened to these girls, and we are hoping they will step forward and call in the tip we need to resolve this troubling case," Simon said.

He said most people can only imagine the despair felt by members of the Luhk family over the past few years.

"We are hoping that these age-enhanced photos may unlock a memory in someone that will provide us with the clue we need to solve this mystery," Simon said.

The FBI released last week computer-generated age progression images of how sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk would possibly look now, three years after their disappearance.

Blanco said Gov. Eloy S. Inos is glad that the government is now able to restore the 100 percent pension of retirees.

"He wants to get this out of the way and get the payments up to date. It's the government's obligation. He's happy about this as there's finally money for the beneficiaries," he said.

The restoration of retirees' deferred 25-percent pension is a result of the release of \$30 million in escrow after the CNMI Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s signed a historic \$3.14-billion Saipan casino agreement.

The Hong Kong-based investor has since amended its investment figures and will now plunk down \$7.1 billion for its planned integrated casino resort project on Saipan.

Retirees' nine-month payments, covering Oct. 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, have already been released. The payments for the July to September quarter are expected in early October. Under the original agreement, future disbursements of restored 25 percent pension will be made on a quarterly basis.

The FBI has been coordinating with the Department of Public Safety in distributing all over the CNMI photos of Faloma and Maleina who are age-progressed to 13 and 12 years old respectively.

"Anyone with information to provide should contact their local FBI office or police," Simon said.

FBI Saipan office special agent Haejun Park and FBI Guam office special agent Joe Strantz released to the media last Thursday the age-progressed images of the Luhk sisters.

The FBI and DPS are jointly conducting the investigation into the mysterious disappearance of the Luhk sisters.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children produced the computer-generated age progression images at the FBI's request.

The sisters' disappearance triggered the most extensive searches in CNMI history, with FBI agents and DPS officers combing a landfill, caves, jungles, beaches, villages, abandoned buildings, and other areas for several months.

Many civilian volunteers joined some of the searches. The U.S. military even conducted aerial searches. A tracking dog was also sent from Hawaii to join the searches.

## VONGFONG

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Vongfong, which has since been upgraded to super typhoon status, overturned fruit bearing trees, damaged crops, and caused other mayhem that have exacerbated the crisis besetting the CNMI's southernmost island.

"Rota is currently in a dire financial crisis," Rota Resort and Country Club owner Hee K. Cho said yesterday.

Cho told *Saipan Tribune* that there hasn't been any ship that would bring goods to Rota for almost two months now.

A barge was supposed to come in last Monday, according to Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota), but this got cancelled because of the rough waters brought by Vongfong.

Cho told *Saipan Tribune* that Rota appears to be undersupplied once again over the course of October leading into November.

"All supplies have been flown

in, exponentially increasing the price of a 50-lb sack of rice to more than \$55. The people cannot afford basic necessities such as rice and butane gas," Cho said.

In an earlier report, Rota resident Denise Tanya King complained about the non-functioning ATM of the Bank of Guam and the erratic flights of Cape Air that has taken a toll on some people.

This was echoed by Cho, who said, "Cape Air's never ending stream of mechanical failures has also left stranded people in need of medical attention."

According to Cho, Sen. Paul Manglona (R-Ind), Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola have already contacted him in their many attempts to spread awareness of their people's suffering.

"It is our desire to see that the people of Rota have a better life," Cho said.

To show his gratitude as a member of the Rota community, Cho said he would gather all the inventory that he can muster and

distribute a month's supply of rice and butane gas to every house on Rota this Friday, Oct. 10, especially to those in dire situation.

"I acknowledge that my efforts will not cure even a small fraction of the people's problems. But however small a difference, I want to do what I can to help our community," Cho said.

### What's happening now

Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she is on Rota right now to check on the situation.

Santos said that Songsong Village is clear; however, there are still areas that need to be worked on and that trees felled by Vongfong's strong winds are still blocking secondary roads.

Santos confirmed that the supply ship has not been coming in because of the inclement weather.

"The water is rough and therefore the boats cannot make port on Rota. It has been an ongoing concern about supplies coming in," Santos said.



# Inos stands by Pete A; Blanco says Tebuteb politicizing issue

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The Inos administration is sticking with Department of Public Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio even as Gov. Eloy S. Inos' acting public information officer accused Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) of politicizing Saipan Local Law 18-19.

"As to the matter of calling for the resignation of the DPL secretary, the governor has the utmost confidence in the secretary's integrity and leadership. Instead of being asked to resign, the secretary should be congratulated by all for his ability to administer such an important department in an ethical and lawful manner," Inos' acting PIO, Ivan Blanco, told *Saipan Tribune* in

an email Tuesday.

Tebuteb on Friday called for Tenorio's resignation due to DPL's alleged failure to remit Managaha landing fees to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

Like other members of the 18th House of Representatives, Tebuteb is up for re-election. The congressman, Inos earlier noted, originally agreed to sign off on a certified question regarding SLL 18-19, which appropriates \$800,000 in land compensation payments to landowners whose properties were taken by the government for public use.

Blanco said the Executive Branch respects the Legislature's inherent authority to pass laws but SLL 18-19, according



Tenorio



Tebuteb

to the Office of the Attorney General's opinion, is unconstitutional.

"It must be remembered that it is the duty of all members of this administration to uphold the Constitution. This matter has been an ongoing [issue] between the Legislature, DPL, and the AG's office during previous administrations and legislatures," he said.

Blanco said that is the reason why the governor didn't

veto House Local Bill 18-45 D1, effectively allowing it to become SLL 18-19 60 days after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed it.

"The administration's interest is to take this matter to the Supreme Court for a final and binding decision. Once the decision regarding constitutionality is made by the court the administration and the OAG will know the law it is to enforce and will rigorously do so," added Blanco.

He also lamented how Tebuteb has politicized the issue by asking for Tenorio's resignation. In his letter to Tenorio, the congressman intimated that he would no longer sign off on the certified question after describ-

ing the process as "completely moot and pointless."

"In an effort to reach finality and closure on the matter, the administration, through the Office of the Attorney General, sought the honorable congressman Tebuteb's support in posing a certified question to the Supreme Court. It appears that the honorable congressman does not wish to take this matter to the highest court for a final ruling, but has instead decided to politicize this matter and take it to the media. He has the right to do that and that is his prerogative. However, this does not solve the matter and, instead, lets it fester for everyone."

Under SLL 18-19, \$800,000 in Managaha landing fees should be paid for Saipan land

compensation within 60 days of the local bill becoming law. The same law appropriates \$100,000 each to the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. and the NMI Museum of History and Culture, but within 90 days of the measure becoming law.

Under the \$800,000 land compensation payment law, at least 223 Saipan landowners will get anywhere from 89 cents to over \$190,000 based on DPL's calculation.

When reached via telephone, Tenorio said he would rather not comment on Tebuteb's call for his resignation and would instead let the Office of the Attorney General answer the lawmaker's questions pertaining to DPL's remittance of fees to MPLT.

## Payment of \$39,656 to Settlement Fund trustee for March-May OK'd

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood ordered the Settlement Fund on Tuesday to pay its trustee, Joyce C. H. Tang, \$39,656.80 for professional services and expenses incurred from March to May 2014.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the amount represents 90 percent of the professional fees and 100 percent of all expenses incurred in that period.

The judge further ordered the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit of the trustee \$4,204.75, which represents 10 percent of the trustee's professional fees for the period.

Tydingco-Gatewood said Tang may petition for the release of the 10 percent retainage

every quarter.

Tang billed the Settlement Fund \$42,047.50 for professional services and \$1,814.05 for expenses, for a total of \$43,861.55, for the three-month period.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she has reviewed these invoices and finds the request reasonable.

The judge said the trustee worked with its investment consultants regarding the implementation of an asset allocation strategy that would be beneficial to the class' assets, and worked on hiring hearing officers and an arbitrator to hear administrative appeals.

Last April, the judge ordered the Settlement Fund to pay Tang \$25,634.25 for professional services and expenses incurred during the months of January and February 2014.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Friday, October 10, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

### AGENDA

**I. Preliminary**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
  - a. August 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Reports**

1. Chair
2. Board Committees
  - a. CIP
  - b. FPA
  - c. LIA
3. Commissioner of Education
  - a. Financial Status Reports
    - i. Federal
    - ii. Local
  - b. Head Start Program Report
  - c. Other matters

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**V. New Business**

1. Proposed Amendment to §60-30.3-615 Annual Leave
2. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for School Attendance Review Committee (SARC)
3. Proclamation of October 2014 as Education Month-Ratification
4. Education Act of 2014
5. Comments to House Bill No. 18-177-Ratification
6. Certification and Licensure Matters
  - a. CLO Recommendation Memo #CLO-2014-007
  - b. CLO Recommendation Memo #CLO-2014-007 Addendum No. 1
  - c. CLO Recommendation Memo #CLO-2014-007 Addendum No. 2

**VI. Executive Session**

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

**VII. Administrative Matters**

1. COE Interim Report on Goals for 2014 and Presentation of Goals 2015
2. Contract Renewal - Certification & Licensure Officer

**VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**

**IX. Adjournment**

1 Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.  
2 Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.







# CEC: No need for ID in absentee ballot

The Commonwealth Election Commission has clarified that absentee voters do not need to attach

a copy of picture identification, or ID, with their absentee ballot. The absentee packet introductory let-

ter that was sent out with absentee ballots states that the absentee voter must submit a copy of pic-

ture identification when returning their ballot, but this was an inadvertent and incorrect statement.

The commission will count absentee ballots that are received on time and that include the sealed ballot and the executed affidavit as required under 1 CMC Section 6212 and 6213.

If you have any questions and/or concern regarding absentee ballot process, do not hesitate to contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at (670)235-VOTE (8683). **(CEC)**



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MHS classes resume today

Classes at Marianas High School will resume today, Oct. 9, 2014. **(PSS)**

### SDA School to host bowling tournament

The Saipan SDA School will be hosting its first Bowling Tournament on Oct. 19, 2014, at the Saipan Bowling Center at J's Restaurant. There will be cash prizes of \$120 for first place; \$100 for second place; and \$80 for third place. Registration starts at 1pm; games start at 1:30pm. Tickets cost \$15. Visit the Saipan SDA School website for more information or call 234-7326

### Survivors, caregivers support group meeting on Oct. 16

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregiv-

ers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. **(CCA)**

### CCA board meeting on Oct. 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. **(CCA)**

### Navy awards \$17M contract for petro structures

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—On Oct. 6, 2014, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas awarded P&S Construction, Inc., North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a \$17 million multiple award construction contract to build hardened structures around existing and new petroleum, oil and lubricant structures. Work will be performed in Yigo, Guam and is expected to be completed by March 2016. NAVFAC Marianas, Guam, is the contracting activity (contract number N40192-10-D-2804). This contract was competitively procured via the Federal Business Opportunities Online Website with two proposals received. **(USN)**

### Friday deadline for Humanities Awards

### nominations

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to remind the public that the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards is this Friday, Oct. 10, at 4:30pm. Individuals and organizations may be nominated in one of five categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of CNMI History; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Outstanding Humanities Teacher (both in and outside of the classroom); and Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities. Nomina-

tion forms and instructions are available on the council's website, [www.northernmarianashumanities.org](http://www.northernmarianashumanities.org), or at the council's office in Gualo Rai. Awards will be presented during an evening ceremony on Oct. 23. For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. **(NMI Humanities Council)**

### JKPL to host ukulele class for beginners

Ukulele class for beginners is open for registration at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. The class will be taught every Thursday for eight sessions from Oct. 16 to Dec. 4. It will be from 4pm to 5pm. The

minimum age requirement is 8 years old. Adults are welcome. A \$50 prepayment is required.

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets and parents or guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children who are minors and also must adhere to the public library policies and procedures.

Deadline to register is on Oct. 11 and it is on a first-come, first-paid basis. The minimum enrollment is 15 students and maximum is 40. For more information contact JKPL at 235-7316, 235-7322 and ask for Erinda Naputi. **(PR)**

## Local students make honor roll at Oregon State

**CORVALLIS**—Two CNMI-born students have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Summer term of the Oregon State University.

Amanda Maria W. Santos of Saipan, a junior pursuing Fish-

eries and Wildlife Science, got a grade of 3.5 or better.

Marquina M. Hofschneider of Tinian, a freshman pursuing Political Science, also got a grade of 3.5 or better.

A total of 246 students

earned straight-A (4.0). Another 349 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. **(PR)**



## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works 2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Saipan, MP 96950



### INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW/FHWA-15-IFB-001

#### ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 37(CHALAN MONSIGNOR MARTINEZ ROAD), ROUTE 321 (SANTA LOURDES ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(016), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 37 (Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road), Route 321 (Santa Lourdes Road) Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 7, 2014** at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Highway Section.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Prebid Conference** for this project on **October 24, 2014** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 29, 2014** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders must examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/FHWA-15-IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 10, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 10, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 10, 2014** and must be received no later than **November 20, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 21, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on November 10, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government.** A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section §70-30-3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN  
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# UFO proud to show Filipino culture at int'l festival

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REPORTER

With the inaugural International Festival of Cultures coming to a close last Saturday, the United Filipino Organization is now looking forward to joining next year, according to its president, Annamae Adaza.

"It's the first time UFO was directly involved with the IFC event. It feels good to share and show our own Filipino culture to the CNMI," Adaza said.

She said UFO also wants to extend its deepest gratitude to the generous companies and individuals who helped them.

One of the groups under the umbrella organization, the Bayani Association, danced for three consecutive Saturdays in September—which was a first for Adaza to join any dance



JAYSON CAMACHO

The Filipino contingent, led by United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza, center, participate in the International Festival of Cultures parade on Oct. 4, 2014.

shows for the community.

Some of the Filipino cultural dances that were showcased in the festival were *Paseo de Iloilo*, *Mantones de Ceda*, the *Salakot Dance*, and *Polka sa Nayan*,

with two Tagalog songs from Mikaella Cunanan.

Last Saturday, the United Filipino Association Tinian Cultural Group or UniFil performed eight different dances: the *Igorot* dance,

traditional dances but also the native food and crafts. Fong's Bakery sold Filipino food while King Solomon sold arts and crafts from the Philippines.

the *La Jota/Habanero*, the *Mamang Sorbetero* dance, the *Bulaklakan* dance, the very famous *Tinikling*, the *Kuradang* dance, and the *Singkil* and fan dance.

All these cultural dances are also performed in the Philippines during festivals and throughout the year.

At the IFC, the Filipino contingent not only showcased cultural and

Adaza said that on behalf of UFO they would like to thank UniFil president Rodney Caballes, Susan Manuel, Joselito Lenteja, Jonah Lagotaa, Teresita Sanchez, Allen Perez of Bridge Capital LLC, and Philippine honorary consul nominee Eli Arago for the Tinian group's accommodation.

"After the event, UFO hosted lunch for the group at Don Pedro Restaurant, during which UFO gave a certificate of appreciation to Bayani Association and UniFil," Adaza said.

Adaza also thanked their donors who helped with the food: Jhem's Restaurant, Shirley Wilson Catering, The Elegance, Fong's Bakery, Lei Hicaro of MIFICPA, Star 6 Ent., Donna Lyn General Merchandising, and all UFO and Bayani members and volunteers who brought food, as well as IFC coordinators for the Filipino community Mario Mayuga and Olive Yana.

"All the efforts and the series of rehearsals paid off, knowing that we're able to give them a great cultural show of the Philippines," Adaza said.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happiest birthday to the most beautiful and strongest heart of the family, Grandma Alice Bodig. Only my great grand Nana can be filled with kindness, love with such heart and soul, and give great wisdom that will last a lifetime. With all my love, Izeiah Walter.



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Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Ha'ani Marie Mendiola Flores, who celebrated her 3rd birthday on Oct. 8! We wish you the best and many more to come! Love, Auntie Marge, Auntie Margo, Sister Madlynn, Grandma, and Grandpa.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Wishing our little man, Kaiden Anthony C. Cepeda, a happy, happy 3rd birthday! May your day be filled with so much love, joy, and more importantly, gifts! Hope your special day would be everything you hoped it would be and more. We love you, Kaid! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, and sissy.



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## Determination of death for Cpl. Clancy

**TINIAN**—The commanding officer of Cpl. Donovan E. Clancy assigned to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 officially submitted a determination of death Sunday, Oct. 5, to Headquarters Marine Corps, Quantico. A command investigation of Clancy's case is currently pending.

Clancy, from Ridgway, Penn-

sylvania, is survived by his wife, Tiffany Clancy, and his stepson, Brandon Clancy.

Celebration of life services are planned to be held by Clancy's family in Ridgway, Pennsylvania and by MWCS-18 on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan within the next month.

Clancy was reported miss-

ing on Sept. 26 in a swimming-related incident while wading in heavy surf conditions on the northwestern shore of Tinian.

The search for Clancy coordinated by USCG Sector Guam began the evening of Sept. 26. Participating units included Marine Air Group 12 Marines; the Saipan Department of Public Safety; the

Tinian DPS; USCG Cutter Washington; Patrol Squadron 5; Commander, Task Force 72; and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 search and rescue teams.

The search was officially suspended by U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam on Oct. 1, 5:00 a.m. Guam time. (*III Marine Expeditionary Force*)

## 12 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 12 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the Wing Beach, Plumeria Hotel, Sea Plane Ramp, Garapan Fishing Dock, Paupau Beach, Aqua Resort Hotel, Micro Beach, Chalan Kanoa District 2 drainage, San Roque School, Tanapag

Meeting Hall, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and the Hopwood Junior High School beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceed-

ed the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (*DEQ*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 9, 2011

### Island Trybe rocks crowd in 'Coming Home Tour'

The Pacific Islands Club Pool Bar was teeming with mostly young aficionados of contemporary island music, making it the place to be on Saipan last Saturday for the United Nesia Fest Coming Home Tour. Saturday's event was top-billed by Island Trybe, the Washington-based group that started in 1996 and comprised of B.O.I., Y.D., and Jay Sway and known for their tunes of combined hip-hop, reggae, and R&B sounds. Homegrown talents that included Fatal Hitz, RoccJuan, Latte Vibes, and 6se7nh0 served as the front acts for the show that saw Island Trybe embracing their island lineage with pride. Spectators enjoyed the show, described by many as a "good event with good music." San Antonio resident Javiun Sablan said he looked forward to the performances not just of Island Trybe but also the group Latte Vibes, the members of which are his friends. "The event lets the people loose. It's good. I hope there are more bands to come here, please," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

### Jobless thought they could be given parole

Hundreds of mostly jobless individuals from the Philippines trooped

to an area in Oleai yesterday to get assistance in filling out forms that many of them wrongfully thought that once submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, would allow them to remain in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 while looking for an employer. Many of these jobless foreigners didn't know that they cannot be granted parole to remain in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 if they do not have an employer that will petition them for a Commonwealth-only worker, or CW, status, by Nov. 27. Without a pending CW application filed by their employer by Nov. 27, they could lose status to remain in the CNMI and face deportation. USCIS may grant parole or permission to be in the CNMI to CNMI permanent residents, immediate relatives of CNMI permanent residents, and the immediate relatives of citizens of the Compacts of Free Association states such as Palau, the Marshall Islands, and Federated States of Micronesia's Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, and Kosrae.

October 9, 2006

### Alvarez victorious in Guam

Saipan fighter Cuki Alvarez put on a good show as he represented Saipan well and was victorious in Fury Fighting Islands Western Pacific Invitational Saturday at the Compadres Mall in Harmon, Guam. Alvarez, who along with fellow Saipan fighters Slade "Rage" Adelbai, Danny Atalig, J.J. Maliti, and Bernie "The Shadow of Death" Neth returned Sunday after gaining experience, that according to Alvarez, will only improve their mix martial arts fighting skills. Alvarez fought Guam's Joey Tajeron and was able to win in the first round via referee stoppage. Alvarez was the aggressor in the early stage of

the round, attempting a low leg kick and following with a superman punch that skinned Tajeron's head. Tajeron, however, was able to execute a double-leg take down, and the two began exchanging positions on the ground before Alvarez was able to lock his opponent with a triangle choke. While executing the maneuver and moving Tajeron against the fence, Alvarez saw an opening on the right side of Tajeron's head, and thus, landed a couple of punches before the fight was stopped.

### Judge: Angello failed to back up allegations

The federal court has ruled that terminated Northern Marianas College employee John "Jack" Angello failed to present evidence that an NMC official subjected him to gender discrimination or a hostile work environment. U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David A. Wiseman pointed out that there was no evidence that, when Dr. Barbara Moir was briefly the interim NMC president, she took any action directly against Angello or his program in the college in retaliation for his equal employment opportunity complaints against her. "At every turn, plaintiff [Angello] perceived setbacks to his programs as attributable exclusively to Dr. Moir's influence or behind-the-scenes machinations, although he acknowledged that during most of the relevant time she had no direct supervisory control over him or his program," said Wiseman in a written order favoring NMC in Angello's lawsuit against the college. Wiseman said that, after two days of bench trial that ended last Tuesday, the court was left with the indelible impression that Angello's perception of events found no support in the admissible evidence.



# Marianas Ukulele Festival kicks off this Saturday

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Two more days are left before local and off-island talents start strumming the strings of the widely popular ukulele at the first ever Marianas Ukulele Festival.

Taking place on Saturday from 12pm to 6pm at the Tipiyeeew Cultural Village-Carolinian Utt on Beach Road Gapan, the festival is organized by the Marianas Ukulele Festival Association headed by Gordon Marciano and Larry Lee.

The event is free and open to the public and also features arts and craft and food booths. Raffle tickets will also be available for \$5 with lots of possible prizes, including ukuleles.

Food vendors include Herman's Bakery, Dela Cruz Pastries, Kinpachi Restaurant, Canton Restaurant, and Hula Girl.

Instructional clinics and educational presentations by master musicians will also be offered.

The festival will be highlighted by the performance of international ukulele champion Yuki Uchiumi. Popularly known as "JazzoomCafe," he is Japan's most established technical ukulele player. His finger tricks and "speed playing" techniques will amaze the audience.

Uchiumi was the MVP winner at the 2011 International Ukulele Competition held in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was featured in many local publications in Hawaii.

Aside from Uchiumi, master musicians and trending ukulele players both young and old will perform at the festival. These include Joe Limes, Lino Olopai, Felix Fitia, Gus Kaipat and The Voices of Olomwaay, Maluw Band, Ed Johnson and Alana'ia, Sunset Cruisers, Lali 4, Aunty Emi and the Ladies,

Dan Laniyo, Frankie and China Boy, Saipan Community School Ukulele Band, Ukulele Jammerz, Out of the Ordinary, and Po'ohala (Debbie Winkfield/Larry Lee families.)

According to Lee, dozens of local businesses and organizations have shown strong support for the festival by contributing in-kind and cash donations.

The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association is a registered non-profit organization whose mission and focus is to promote and perpetuate ukulele music and heritage by bringing people of all ages together to share the love of ukulele music.

"This festival will help create an avenue for people of all cultures to share the island

warmth and *Hafa Dai Tirow* spirit, present a free annual ukulele festival, and showcase various talents," Lee said.

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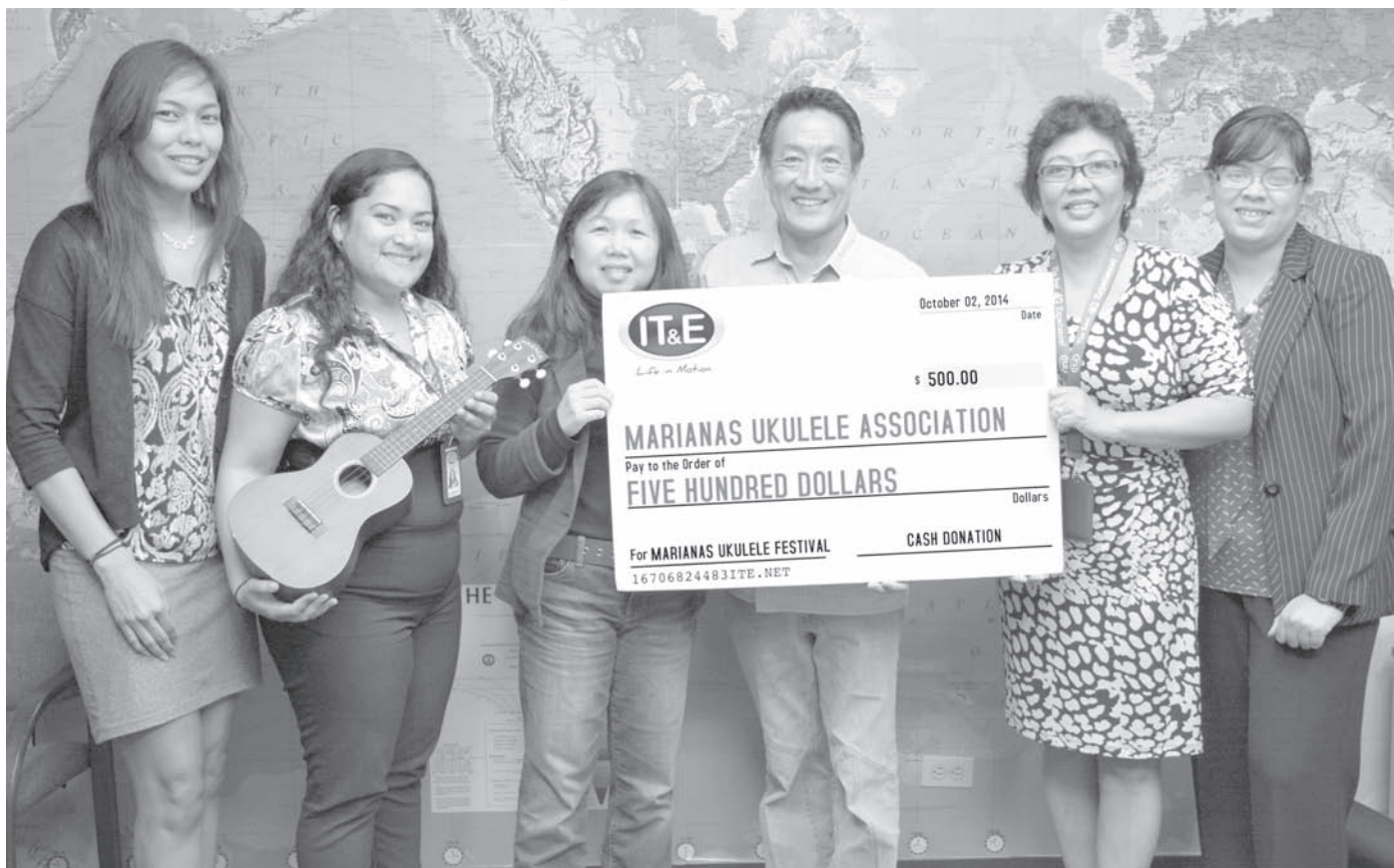
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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Employees of N15 Architects have their picture taken. The firm is a proud sponsor of the Marianas Ukulele Festival.

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IT&E donates \$500 cash to Marianas Ukulele Festival coordinator Larry Lee, center.



Pacific Islands Club executive assistant Vicky Benavente hands over a cash donation to Larry Lee, ukulele instructor and coordinator for the Marianas Ukulele Festival, who is joined by his students, the Ukulele Jammerz, at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library.



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David Burger of Burger, Comer, Magliari Certified Public Accountants, shakes hand with Marianas Ukulele Festival coordinator Larry Lee. Burger is also one of the donors to the festival.



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Want to know a secret? The Beatles are better in mono

**T**he world is full of geeks and snobs ready to talk too much about their personal passion for wine, for scuba diving, for vampire literature. You know the type. This is nothing like that.

This is an exploration of the Beatles, and why the rerelease this month of their albums in the mono format on vinyl, the way many fans heard the records in the 1960s, is worth celebrating.

OK, so maybe there is some obsessiveness to this tale, but there is broader cultural significance too.

The music of the Beatles is timeless. Not only were they master songwriters, they were visionary artists who pushed the era's recording technology and hidebound engineers to create new sounds.

The result is music that is still vital and interesting more than 40 years later. Consider the elegiac beauty of "Eleanor Rigby," or the psychedelic drone of "Tomorrow Never Knows" with its tape loops that sound like sea gulls. Play a Beatles CD, especially one from their mid- or later-period, starting with 1965's "Rubber Soul," and when compared to today's artists you'll find their music is still relevant, still influential.

But if you play that Beatles CD, or dust off an album purchased after about 1968, what version of the Beatles are you hearing? Probably the stereo version. And it's great, until you understand the history of the Beatles and the recording industry. Then, you realize what your inner Beatlemaniac might be missing.

Back in the '60s, most fans had record players with one speaker. So most of the audience bought LPs in the mono format, in which all the music was pumped out on one channel. Stereos were mainly for audiophiles. When WLS played "Please Please Me" in March 1963, becoming one of the first American stations to embrace the Beatles, that audience heard it on transistor radios or in the car, in mono.

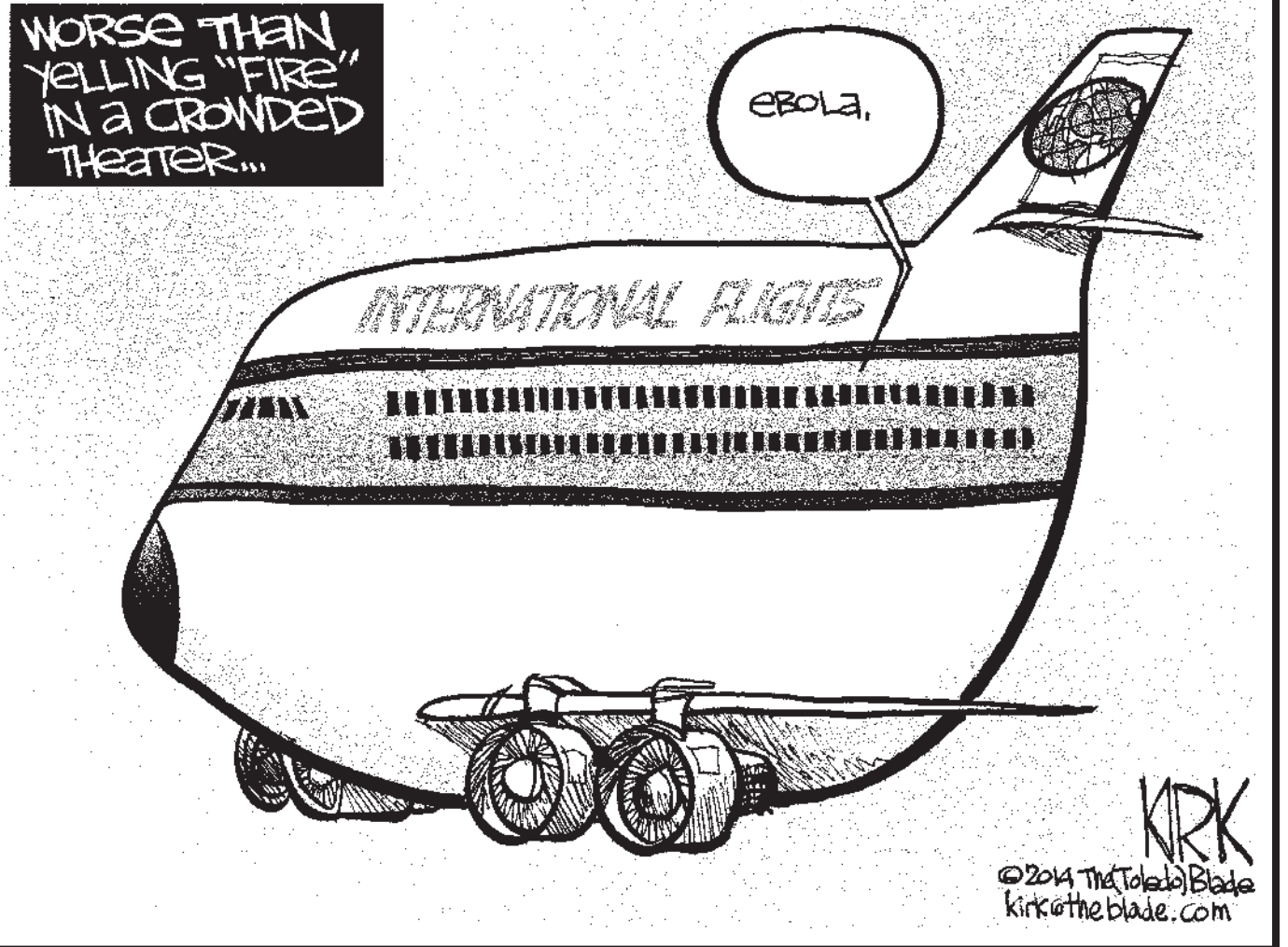
Since most of the audience was listening in mono, that's the version of the music that preoccupied John, Paul, George and Ringo in the studio. When songs are produced, recording is the first step. The song is then mixed, meaning the instruments and vocals are blended and adjusted into a final soundscape. According to all the Beatles literature, the band labored over the mono mixes and showed little interest in the stereo versions.

"In the band's official recording history, reference upon ref-

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WORSE THAN  
YELLING "FIRE"  
IN A CROWDED  
THEATER...



## Saludu Señor Isaac M. Calvo

**B**ien biahe para i amiguhu as Señor Isaac M. Calvo ni ma-a'gañg para i tai hinekog na deskansoña gi mapos na semana. Apmam de ha apagaye yan umuma i achon edukasion famaguon-ta gi satton na inesgaihon pot preparasion niha.

Hu sen agradese i tiempu 'nai sessu in' diskute antes asunto-ta siha. Edukau, ansianu, tomtum yan menhalom na prohimu kumu maestro yan administradot sisteman edukasion iya Marianas pot apmam na tiempu.

Guiya yan i defuntu Jesus M. Concepcion umesgaihon todú kinalamten adelanton kualidat edukasion estudiante-ta siha guine gi eskuelan publiku. Ma-aguanta todú sakrifisiu para umamueba edukasion yan preparasion famaguon Marianas. Dañkulu na pasu mahagu' mona gi bandan edukasion ni ti megai siña umadañgua. Ma'ug na lastru ha pega gi santatte para todú.

I kualidat Señor Calvo 'nos kuantos ha' man-mana'e gi halom man-ma'gas iya Marianas deste antes. Fitme, menhalom, ansianu, yan antau na administradot sisteman edukasion parehu ha' gi halom pagyu yan katma. Ha uma-kilu' osña sin ditension deste tutuhon esta i uttimu.

Ginen i inestablesen niha pisun sisteman edukasion guine na ha muebague' mas fitme na finana'gue siha gi eskuelan publiku. Ti apasiyon minesñgon-mu yan sakrifisio-mu Señor Calvo ya un mirese dignu na onru ginen todus tautau iya Marianas. I defuntu para uma-interu giya Oregon.

Si Yuus Maase' lokue' ni sumen antau yan agradesiyon na amista. I tinayuyot mame. Bien felis gi kareramu. Bendision i Saina para hagu yan familiamu.

### Tiempon Estudiu

Mientras tantos, guaha kampu sumeha pot para ta atan finaposta yan para manu hit gi ge'fena. Huñgan, guaha siha nuebu na propoitu para hotels lau ma'tut ha' guine na prinipone.

Man-halom, mahatsa hotel niha, machule' kakatnen ganansia ya mana' hanau tatte gi tanu' niha. I tethnan na poñguñg 'sino sob-lante para hita.

Kuestion: Kau este na modun bisnis propiu gi ma-adelantan linala' natibu? Hafa petmanente pinigaña mauleg para i tautau tanu'? 'An ha kaikai' siha, mabende gi otu i hotel sa' nahoñg ganansian niha. Hafa para hita ni natibu? Haf' ya ma-abandona i hotel petmanente?

Seriosu na atikulu ni mauleg ta tutuhon umestudiaye deste pa'gu. Muña manaña na estake umaliñkiñg 'nai para tapan e'ensinahyao otu katsu!

### Lina'la' Isla

Gi tiempoghu delegadon Marianas gi South Pacific Commission (Community), hu bisita siha islas gi sanlichan na patte giya Pasifiku. Man-independente na islas maseha kulan man-poble yangin ta pesa

By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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kontra modun linala'ta.

Ayu 'nai hu chage tininun niyog kumu agu'un yan tininun guihan. Pot primet biahe lokue' hu chage tamales niyog. Magahet na tat ti siña 'nai mattu i asunto gi satbasion familia 'sino komunida. Hu atan i membron ayu na isla ni man-estaba guihe na talo'ane. Man-magof gumachuñge i delegadu siha. Metgot i sensian inafamauleg yan ayudu ginen siha.

Taya' kandet elektrisida ya i muna' ma'lag i lugat puru guafen achon gi oriya. Mafattu gi hinasoghu kau guiya este na modun linala' i antigun na komunidan Chamorro.

'Nai mattuyu' tatte gi hotel, hu gimine sitbesa kulan para bai' libetteyu' haf' pa'gu hulili'e gi modun linala' un' grupon tautau isla. Man-magof, mañgontentu, metgot sensian koperasion gi entlu' niha, todú pot todú man-a'ayuda sinsiyu ginen korason niha.

Todú i mabenefisia guihe na talo'ane ginen hatdin familia yan tasi. Ti man-li'eyu' 'an baban lateria sa' todú sahguan neñkanu' ginen hagu sune yan matufog hagu niyog. Mampos hana' humiddeyu' i modun linala' niha. Ayu i tautau niha ni malili'e siuda 'an man-hanau man-eskuela giya New Zealand, Australia yan London.

Todú nesessidat yan usun familia mafattu ginen i tanu' yan tasin niha. Kontodu kantan niha bonito gi suenan pueñge. Diberas motmut pas yan safu na lugat para todus. Tatnai mahuchom gima' 'sino maguaddia boten niha. Esta pa'gu hafa totoigue-yu' ayu na litratu i esta pa'gu lokue' ti siña hu komprende!

### Pañgpañg uchan

Sinparat na granum uchan sige man-baila gi hilu' sin. Gaige fina' mañglu' gi hayam Marianas sige ha falague i filan o'perlas guine. I famaguon eskuela siha man-madispatcha mediu dia.

I tinanom gi hatdin man-poduñg papan niha buente pot tula noche man-masmai gi halom uchan. Lokue', todú kinalamten mas dispasiu.

Estague' na ha'ane 'nai makakadu i poya 'sino mana'lagu i katdun sankaron. Mas dinanche 'an guaha puntan kalamasa 'sino chodan galayan. Pa'gu 'an un' totpé katdun guihan ni malechen niyog pues kase hinegsa' 'sino saibog amariyu na chodan long pat saibog

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Where is my community center?**

The recent typhoon was an eye-opener to many of our residents in the community (Chalan Kanoa, Fina Sisu, Susupe, and portions of As Lito and As Perdido) who sought temporary shelter from the force of Typhoon Vongfong. Preferably, we would like to have our residents seek temporary shelter closest to their homes.

Ideally, the community centers throughout the villages should be one of the designated temporary shelters, as was the case in past decades or so. Instead, many of our residents were transported to nearby schools in the villages for safety from the damaging winds of Typhoon Phanphone. We are grateful to the Public School System for making these facilities and bus services available to our residents at such a critical time.

What happened? Some of the community centers were transferred to either a non-profit organization or a religious group that were not keen to provide such service in critical times such as the recent typhoon that we experienced. This was the case with the two centers in Chalan Kanoa district 1 and district 2. The Ayuda Network (Karidat) and United Methodist Church, respectively, were arbitrarily assigned these two facilities.

Similarly, other community centers in Chalan Kanoa district 3 and Susupe district 5 are in a state-of-disrepair—abandoned and dilapidated beyond belief—with the exception of the community center in Chalan Kanoa district 4. That center is new but has not been funded for any program to exist nor service to be provided to the community, especially for our children, youth, and man'amko residing in the nearby village.

Interestingly though, a community center to serve the Fina Sisu, As Lito, and As Perdido areas are not available. I am not sure if the intention of our public-policy leaders was to have the residents utilize the community center in the nearby Koblerville area (adjacent to the fire station)? But this facility is located in Precinct 1 and should serve especially the community to which it is intended for—the Koblerville residents.

The only sports facility in the precinct that can be utilized by our youth is the basketball court in Chalan Kanoa district 1 (next to Korason de Jesus Chapel). This means that our youth from Chalan Kanoa districts 2, 3, 4, and Susupe district 5 must commute to the basketball court to play a full game because it is the only facility that has complete basketball rims. The rest of the sports facilities have either only one rim, which means the youth can only play half-court, or no rims at all, or the floor is not safe for our youth to play on. Need not say more!

Public Law 18-66, or the "Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2015," that was passed on Sept. 16, 2014, did not include or identify any funds for programs in these critical areas to serve the residents in our community of Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa, Fina Sisu, Susupe, and portions of As Lito and As Perdido). In the last decade a specific language in the budget bill to appropriate funds to reha-

bilitate the community centers and sports facilities in our villages has yet to be seen. And why not?

But wait! Gov. Eloy Inos "has declared a state of emergency as Typhoon Vongfong affects the Commonwealth." In the governor's emergency declaration, he said, "It was necessary for the government to identify and mobilize resources in anticipation of the impact and potential damage as a result of the typhoon."

What's next? I believe that the flooding in and around Chalan Kanoa, Fina Sisu, As Lito, As Perdido, and Susupe continues to be impacted by torrential rain as a result of Tropical Storm Phanphone and Typhoon Vongfong. Clearly, a declaration of a "state of emergency" is warranted for the areas encompassing Precinct 2.

As I mentioned in the article that was published in this paper last week regarding the flood, the residents who were affected by the

flood should and must be able to see remedy in the governor's emergency declaration for the damage caused to their property and personal belongings as a result of the flood from the lack of adequate infrastructure in the community.

And we have yet to see if the community centers and basketball courts around the community would be a priority number one in the supplemental budget (if any). But it should be included in the emergency declaration, too, as safety is also being compromised at some of the community centers and sports facilities due to dilapidation.

Under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, funds are available for both youth development programs and cultural engagement programs, which we intend to utilize. Additionally funds have been identified that can be sourced through community partnership with local business establishments that have Grant Divisions that encourage and support youth development, man'amko, and community enrichment. And of course there are also federal funds and programs that can be accessed.

**Vicente 'Ben' Aldan Ichihara**

*Chalan Kanoa, Saipan*

**Information sought on missing Yamada sisters**

My two Japanese daughters, Ms. Natsuki and Ms. Chinatsu Yamada, aged 33 and 26 respectively, came to Saipan for sightseeing from June 28 to 30, 2014. However, both of them have disappeared in the late afternoon of June 29. During their stay on Saipan, they moved around the island using a rental Toyota RAV4.

So far, we have visited Saipan from Japan for short stays four times to hear from the Department of Public Safety on the progress of the investigation over the case and are planning to come back again in November this year.

But in view of the lack of new information or discovery that may lead to the conclusion of the case, we hereby humbly ask anybody who saw them to provide us with any information whatsoever.

Please send information, if any, to the Consular Office of Japan (Tel. 323-7201, or 7202, or cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp. Your kind cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Hideki Yamada**

*Nagano, Japan*

**WANT**

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erence piles up: long toil into the night on the mono with all four present, stereo mixed with 'not a solitary Beatle' in sight," writes Britain's *Uncut* magazine.

This is a fascinating revelation. Art lovers value original works because they want to experience exactly what the artist intended. It turns out most of us have been appreciating Beatles copies — the stereo versions, completed mainly by anonymous engineers wearing lab coats, shirts and ties at London's Abbey Road (EMI) Studios. That was true until the "Abbey Road" and "Let It Be" albums,

which were released in stereo.

The Beatles music you hear today on CD represents a further, digital reproduction. Audio geeks will tell you vinyl produces a "warmer" quality sound. Certainly, listening to an LP is the most authentic way to experience the Beatles. The new vinyl collection, "The Beatles in Mono," was produced using the original master tapes and pressed in Germany on premium vinyl. No digital technology.

So what do Beatles records sound like in mono? Different and mostly better: more gripping and exciting.

There is an intensity to mono because it was mixed to blast straight into you from that one speaker. By contrast, the stereo separation diffuses the atmosphere in some songs and distracts in others.

"Paperback Writer" jolts in mono but collapses into an echo chamber in stereo. As Chicago Tribune writer Mark Caro noted in a critique last week, John Lennon complained of "Revolution" in stereo: "They took a heavy record and turned it into a piece of ice cream."

Songs were tweaked in many ways, Caro wrote. In mono, "Eleanor Rigby" sounds more intimate. "She's Leaving Home" is speeded up. "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" has cool phasing effects on the vocals. "Blackbird" has alternate bird chirps!

OK, now we're really geeking out.

But as John Lennon once sang, "the deeper you go the higher you fly."

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**SALUDU**

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sune ayaña. Mas paire 'an guaha motsiyas.

Magahet na esta hana' misen tela'hu i asnen tukun ni mafugu'e lemon kanu'un ni mana' pikaka. Entre ennu pat kelaguen tiau, atulai, maniniñg pat satmonitiyun. Katkuet kelaguen siempre unina' masahalom ilumu. Dinanche lokue' 'an guaha atulin te'ug. 'An losus hau dispues dispensayun sa' tiempofia!

Mauleg lokue' na deskansu para i amku' man-limiendan talaya 'sino chenchulu. I peskadot yan lanceru man-deskansa lokue'. Gi

todu hinanau guaha mas inadahe pot no u guaha disgrasiau. 'An hagas malulog hau na hereru, dinanche sa' fresku i ha'ane.

Dispues de todú, taya' otu kalalamten fuera ke poduñg uchan ginen i sin kusina. Mañge' na sunidu para man-rikohen mugu'.

**Estrakadan Politika**

Hu e'ekuñgog i kuattro na kandidatuñ gobiernu hafa sessu malagnos kumu planu. Dos mofo' na mientras i dos gaige ha' trahiha gi kuatton gera.

I republican esta 'nos kuantos biahe ha atisa haf' intensiona. Gi mismu tiempu anog na kulan taigue i guafe gi papa' tiyaña ni tampoku tesun.

I democrats duru bumaila. Esta ume'ensinahyau guatu gi papa'

troñku pot mampos megai palapan kanai gi aire. Magahet na animu bumaila modetnu ke sakudidan fayao.

I otu dos kandidatu (independence) man-e'egga' ginen bintanan kusina haf' na mampos buruka i oriyen niha. Trabiha ti man-hahalom gi plaset feria.

Lau para todú estrakada, este na botasion gaige gi estomagun i tautau kontra guaguan kandet, hinemlu', apas hospitat, yan gastun lina'la' ni rumibaha mampos fuetsan monedan familia. Makat na kontrariu para i kabayeros siha.






Mientras tantos, i democrats yan dos independence man-tutuhu' te'la' niha ni monedan republican ni machuchuda'. Era ti matuñgu' mañganta sunidun atdau (sunshine). Dios mihu!



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼81
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼80
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼78
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼80

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲61 ▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲77 ▼55
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲86 ▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼75
London	Windy	▲63 ▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲85 ▼63
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▼58
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
New York	Sunny	▲72 ▼52
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼64
Paris	Showers	▲65 ▼56
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲82 ▼62
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼50
San Francisco	Sunny	▲70 ▼57
Seoul	Sunny	▲76 ▼51
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼62
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲75 ▼54

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:54 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
9:06 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:14 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
8:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

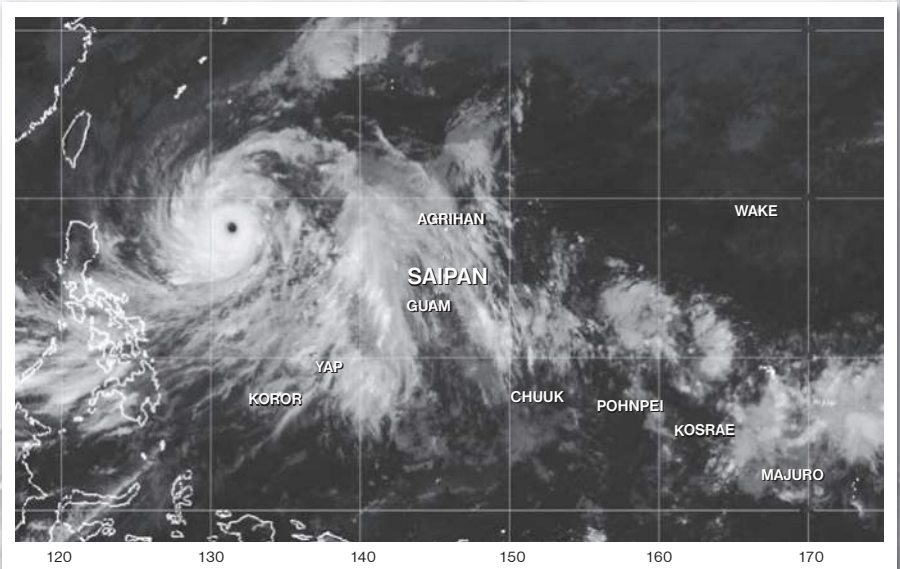
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Today	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:41 PM	6:33 AM
Friday	7:31 PM	7:32 AM
Saturday	8:21 PM	8:30 AM
Sunday	9:12 PM	9:26 AM
Monday	10:03 PM	10:20 AM

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

SuperTyphoon Vongfong (19W) is centered 910 miles west-northwest of Guam near 18N132E and moving west-northwest at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 180 mph. Heavy rain, numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 300 miles of the center. For more information on Vongfong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from Super Typhoon Vongfong at 18N132E to just south of Guam then across Chuuk state to end near 7N154E. Winds converging toward Vongfong and the monsoon trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in numerous areas outside of Vongfong from Koror across Yap state and northwest of the Mariana Islands mainly between 7N and 22N from 130E to 145E. Trade-wind convergence north of Pohnpei is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 10N and 14N from 151E to 164E. A surface trough reaches northeastward from southeast of Kosrae at 4N166E to beyond the date line at 8N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the southern Marshall Islands are within 200 miles of the trough axis.

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm
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# Business

## Twitter sues FBI, DOJ to release NSA request info

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Twitter is suing the FBI and the Department of Justice to be able to release more information about government surveillance of its users.

The social media company filed a lawsuit Tuesday in a California federal court to publish its full “transparency report,” which documents government requests for user information. Twitter Inc. published a surveillance report in July but couldn’t include the exact number of national security requests it received because Internet companies are prohibited from disclosing that information, even if they

didn’t get any requests.

The San Francisco-based company said in a blog post that it believes it’s entitled under the First Amendment to “respond to our users’ concerns and to the statements of U.S. government officials by providing information about the scope of U.S. government surveillance.”

The U.S. government has been able to access phone networks and high-speed Internet traffic for years to catch suspected criminals and terrorists. The FBI also started pushing technology companies like Google, Skype and others to guarantee access to their data streams and grab emails, video

chats, pictures and more. It recently emerged that Yahoo was threatened with a daily fine of \$250,000 by the U.S. government if it didn’t comply with demands to give up information on its users. A secret 2007 lawsuit and subsequent appeal was ultimately unsuccessful, the company said last month after a federal judge ordered some material about the court challenge to be unsealed.

Technology companies say they turn over information only if required by court order, and in the interest of transparency with their customers, want to share information about the government’s activities.

“Our ability to speak has been restricted by laws that prohibit and even criminalize a service provider like us from disclos-

ing the exact number of national security letters (‘NSLs’) and Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (‘FISA’) court

orders received - even if that number is zero,” Ben Lee, Twitter’s vice president of legal, wrote in a blog post.

## Holiday sales seen rising 4.1 percent



In this Nov. 28, 2013 file photo, Ripan Bhowmik looks at cameras while shopping at Best Buy in Overland Park, Kan. AP

## Judge approves Revel casino sale to Toronto firm

**CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)**—A federal bankruptcy judge on Tuesday approved the sale of Atlantic City’s former Revel Casino Hotel for 5 cents on the dollar to a Toronto asset management firm.

Judge Gloria Burns approved the sale to Brookfield Asset Management for \$110 million.

She turned aside numerous objections from the losing bidder, Florida developer Glenn Straub, who complained that Revel’s lawyers reneged on a promise to share information on competing bids, something Revel has denied.

“The best news is Revel is going to reopen as a casino,”

said John Cunningham, one of Revel’s attorneys. “It’s not going to be a university.”

That was a thinly veiled swipe at one of the offbeat uses Straub had proposed for the property, including a so-called genius university where the world’s top minds would attack the planet’s biggest problems—with or without a casino.

Although Straub said he intended to make a higher bid, he did not do so during the auction and declined to do so at Tuesday’s hearing. Cunningham said the company decided to take Brookfield’s bid in an all-night auction rather than wait for a possible new bid by Straub

a week later.

“This is a disgruntled losing bidder,” he told the judge. “Mr. Straub had to put his money where his mouth is. He didn’t do it. Our decision was to take the bird in the hand. It was too much money to risk.”

Revel president Scott Kreeger said he was “excited by the decision of the court.”

“We conducted a comprehensive sale process that maximized the value to the estate,” he said. “Brookfield is a highly regarded company with extensive gaming experience. Their experience would give Revel a strong new owner with whom to chart a new course for success.”

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Wal-Mart cuts health benefits for some part-timers

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to eliminate health insurance coverage for some of its part-time U.S. employees in a move aimed at controlling rising health care costs of the nation’s largest private employer. Wal-Mart told The Associated Press that starting Jan. 1, it will no longer offer health insurance to employees who work less than an average of 30 hours a week. The move affects 30,000 employees, or about 5 percent of Wal-Mart’s total part-time workforce, but comes after the company already had scaled back the number of part-time workers who were eligible for health insurance coverage since 2011. The announcement follows similar decisions by Target, Home Depot and others to completely eliminate health

insurance benefits for part-time employees.

#### US predicts lower heating bills this winter

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Heating bills should be lower this winter because the deep freeze that chilled much of the nation last year is unlikely to return. Last year, persistently low temperatures across the Midwest, South and East forced people to crank up the heat. The high demand jacked up the price of some fuels, especially propane. Heating bills soared. This year, milder temperatures should reduce homeowners’ fuel use, according to the Energy Department’s annual prediction of winter heating costs. The price of propane and heating oil should be lower, helping those customers save even more. Lower energy costs give the economy a boost. This winter, some customers could see savings of nearly

\$800 on their heating bills, according to the EIA.

#### EU broadens corporate tax crackdown to Amazon

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—The European Union is broadening its crackdown on multinationals’ tax avoidance schemes, opening Tuesday an investigation into Amazon’s practices on suspicion the online retailer is not paying its dues on profits made across the 28-nation bloc. The probe adds another high-profile name to the list of companies targeted by the EU, which is already investigating Apple Inc., coffee chain Starbucks and the financial arm of carmaker Fiat. The EU’s executive Commission is trying to curb companies’ ability to avoid taxes by shifting profits made across the bloc to a subsidiary in one particular country where the company enjoys a very low tax rate.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Americans are expected to spend at the highest rate in three years during what’s traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, according to the nation’s largest retail industry trade group.

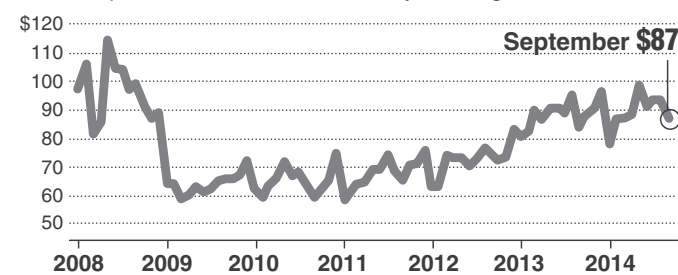
But the spending trends that have become prevalent in the years since the Great Recession are expected to continue into the winter holiday shopping season: Industry watchers say shoppers will spend only if there are big discounts. And there will be a huge divide in spending between the haves and have-nots.

“It goes without saying there still remains some uneasiness and anxiety among consumers when it comes to their purchase decisions,” said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation. “The lagging economic recovery, though improving, is still top of mind for many Americans.”

Overall, the National Retail Federation said Tuesday that it expects sales during the November and December period to be up 4.1 percent to \$616.9 billion, up a percentage point

## Consumer spending drops slightly

Americans’ daily self-reports of spending dropped to an average of \$87 in September, down from \$94 in July and August.



Source: Gallup  
Graphic: Greg Good

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higher than last year. It marks the highest increase since 2011 when the rise was 4.8 percent.

The prediction is an indicator for stores that rely on the last two months of the year, which on average account for nearly 20 percent of annual retail industry sales. The figure also provides some insight into the mindset of consumers, which is important since consumer spending accounts for up to 70 percent of economic activity.

There have been some positive economic news lately that suggests Americans are ready to spend. A surge in hiring last month helped push down the nation’s unemployment rate to

a six-year low of 5.9 percent, within short distance of the 5.5 percent that economists believe signals a healthy economy. And the stock market is up 6 percent since the beginning of the year, trading at nearly all-time highs.

But wages aren’t rising, making it hard for the average person to juggle daily living expenses. Meanwhile, the housing market has seen a slowdown partly because investors are pulling away because of higher prices. And many would-be buyers are unable to obtain a mortgage, particularly first-time buyers, because of tight credit.



### LEADING INDICATORS

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-1.60%	-1.51%	-1.56%

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	Canadian Dollar	1.1184	Indonesian Rupiah	12256.7	South Korean Won	1074.51
	Chinese Yuan	6.1447	Japanese Yen	108.4242	Swiss Franc	0.9596
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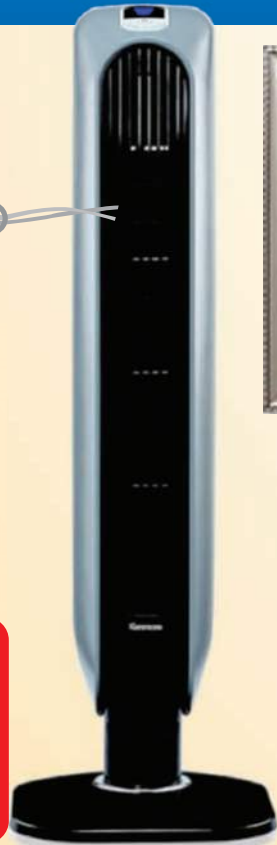


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# Nation

## Americans living longer as most death rates fall

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Americans are living longer than ever before, according to a new government report filled mostly with good news. U.S. life expectancy inched up again and death rates fell.

Rates also dropped or held steady for nearly all the leading

causes of death. The one exception: The suicide rate reached its highest point in 25 years. That figure has been increasing since 2000 and “it’s really hard to say why,” said Robert Anderson, who oversees the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention branch that issued the report

Wednesday.

The yearly report looked at deaths in 2012. It found:

■ U.S. life expectancy for a child born in 2012 was 78 years and 9 1/2 months, up about six weeks from life expectancy in 2010 and 2011. That’s a record.

■ For someone 65, the CDC

estimates that men have about 18 years of life left and women about 20 1/2 years. The gaps between men and women grew slightly, compared to 2011.

■ There were 2.5 million deaths in 2012, or about 28,000 more than the year before. The increase was expected, reflect-

ing the nation’s growing and aging population, Anderson said.

■ The infant mortality rate dropped again slightly, to a new low of 5.98 per 1,000 births. That’s a historic low, but the U.S. infant mortality rate continues to be higher than in most European countries.

■ Death rates for blacks and whites dropped but held steady for Hispanics. However, Hispanic death rates remain lower than the black and white numbers.

■ The 10 leading causes of death remained the same, with heart disease and cancer topping the list. Suicide is the 10th.

The suicide rate rose more

than 2 percent, to 12.6 per suicide deaths per 100,000 American. That’s the highest it’s been since 1987, when the rate was 12.8.

Some research suggests suicides increase during hard economic times, but this trend has persisted before, during, and after the recession of 2007-2009. Some experts have said the sale and abuse of prescription painkillers in the last decade have been a contributing factor.

Whatever the reason, “it’s kind of surprising,” said Solveig Cunningham, an Emory University researcher who has studied death rates during eras of financial hardship.

## Family too upset to see Ebola patient via video

**DALLAS (AP)**—The family of a man diagnosed with the first U.S. case of Ebola visited him at the hospital Tuesday but declined to view him again via video because the last time had been too upsetting.

Relatives of Thomas Eric Duncan are visiting from North Carolina and they glimpsed him using a camera system at Dallas’ Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital on Monday. But when they returned anew, this time with the Rev. Jesse Jack-

son, they decided such images were too much.

“What we saw was very painful. It didn’t look good,” said Duncan’s nephew, Josephus Weeks.

Weeks said he and Duncan’s mother were unable to sleep after seeing Duncan’s face.

The hospital says Duncan, 42, is in critical condition and is sedated but stable.

He is on a breathing machine and kidney dialysis. Duncan’s liver function, which declined over the weekend, has improved, though doctors say it may not stay that way.

Duncan’s relatives said they had been concerned that Duncan was not getting the same treatment that an American with Ebola would and contacted Jackson for help.



Duncan

Duncan grew up in Liberia but came to Dallas in late September to attend the high school graduation of his son, Karsiah.

“I’m just praying my dad will make it out safely,” Karsiah Duncan said at a news conference Tuesday night hosted by a Dallas church.

Mai Wureh said Duncan, her half brother, planned to marry Karsiah’s mother and apply for more permanent status in the United States.

## More than 50 sperm whales spotted off California



AP

This Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 photo provided by Capt. Dave Anderson/DolphinSafari.com, shows sperm whales swimming in the waters off the coast of Dana Point, Calif.

**LAGUNA BEACH, Calif.** (AP)—More than 50 sperm whales emerged off the Southern California coast in an extremely rare, hours-long sighting that had whale watchers and scientists giddy with excitement.

Pods of mothers and juveniles rolled and played with dolphins Monday a few miles off Laguna Beach, the Orange County Register reported ( <http://bit.ly/1s6vG5P> ).

They later were spotted off San Diego and were heading south, said Jay Barlow, a sperm whale expert with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

It’s by far the largest group ever spotted so near to shore

in Southern California, Barlow said Tuesday.

Others agreed.

“I’ve been counting whales and been on the water for 35 years. We’ve never had a large group like this ever,” said Alisa Schulman-Janiger, director of the ACS/LA Gray Whale Census and Behavior Project.

The massive mammals were spread out over an area of up to 3 square miles and came within inches of boats as they poked their heads out of the waves, said David Anderson, who operates Captain Dave’s Dolphin and Whale Safari sightseeing tours.

Sperm whales are the huge, toothed creatures mentioned in the novel “Moby Dick.” They

were hunted nearly to extinction for their oil in the 1800s.

The whales weigh up to 45 tons and eat about a ton of squid a day. They prefer to hunt in deep waters and can dive to 3,000 feet.

Why the sperm whales showed up remains a mystery.

Unlike toothless gray whales, which migrate down the California coast each year, sperm whales aren’t frequent visitors.

Usually, only one or two adult males show up each summer or fall while large groups of females normally are found in warmer waters, Barlow said.

However, this year has seen a lot of warmer water close to shore, he said.

“The climate patterns have def-

initely been weird,” Barlow said.

Other species that prefer warmer waters also have shown up this year, including pilot whales, false killer whales, and various species of tropical birds.

The sperm whales also might have been chasing food, Barlow said. “That’s mostly what they think about.”

Humboldt squid, which can weigh 60 pounds or more, have been turning up in the area for a decade.

“Could be they’re catching on,” Barlow said.

The whales also could simply have gotten confused by the complicated ocean terrain and “wandered in not intending to be here,” he said.

## Gay marriage to begin in Las Vegas, Idaho

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—A federal appeals court declared gay marriage legal in Idaho and Nevada on Tuesday, setting the stage for couples to marry in Las Vegas, the self-proclaimed wedding capital of the world.

State after state has joined the national tide in seeing same-sex unions made legal, given a push by the U.S. Supreme Court’s refusal earlier this week to hear appeals. That effectively made gay marriage legal in 30 states and might have signaled it’s only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

On Tuesday, Idaho and Nevada joined the group when the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that gay couples’ equal protection rights were violated by the gay marriage bans in both states.

“This is a super sweet victory,” said Sue Latta, who along with Traci Ehlers sued Idaho last year to compel the state to recognize their 2008 marriage in California. Three other couples also joined the lawsuit to invalidate Idaho’s same-sex marriage ban.

“Taxes are easier, real estate is easier, parenting is easier, end-of-life planning is easier,” Latta said.

Logan Seven, 54, a limousine driver for Chapelle de l’amour

wedding chapel in downtown Las Vegas, said he always wanted to get married on a beach, barefoot and in a white tuxedo.

“Trying to find the right man is the hard part,” he said Tuesday after his boss told him about the gay marriage ruling.

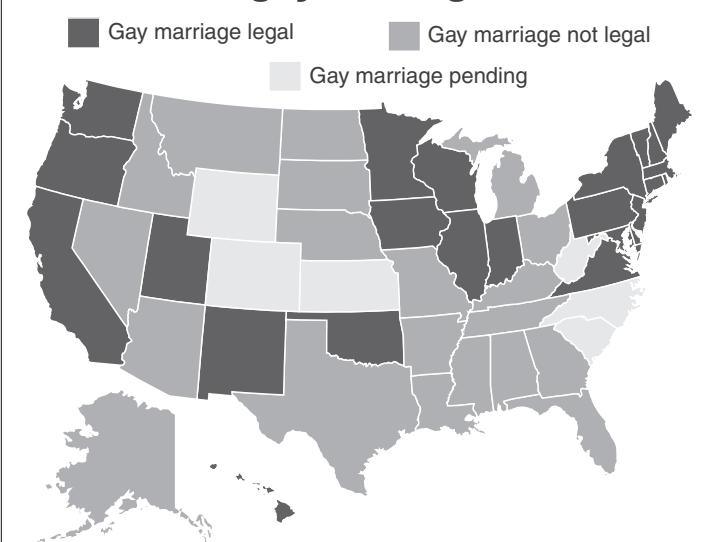
The Chicago native said he was surprised when he moved to Las Vegas and learned that the town that touts itself as a marriage capital didn’t allow gay marriages. “It’s a no-brainer,” Seven said. “Love is love.”

Couples in Idaho can start getting married immediately, likely tomorrow. In Nevada, a U.S. District Court judge still must issue a formal injunction overturning the state’s gay marriage ban.

That likely won’t stop weddings from going forward Wednesday in Las Vegas. Officials in the Clark County clerk’s office say the marriage license bureau in Las Vegas will begin accepting license applications at 2 p.m. Wednesday from same-sex couples.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote for a unanimous three-judge panel that laws that treat people differently based on sexual orientation are unconstitutional unless there is a compelling government interest. He wrote that neither Idaho nor Nevada offered any legitimate reasons to discriminate against gay couples.

## The state of gay marriage in the U.S.



Source: U.S. Supreme Court  
Graphic: The Los Angeles Times



# Asia

## LED there be light: 3 share Nobel for blue diode

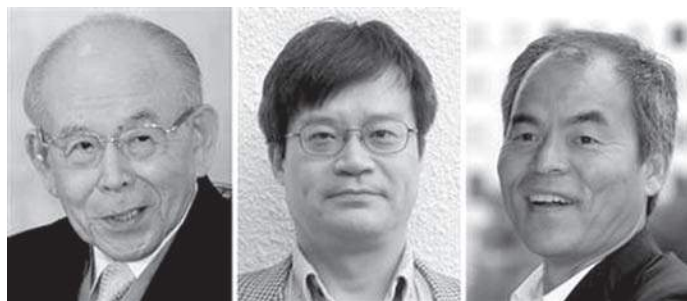
**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—An invention that promises to revolutionize the way the world lights its homes and offices—and already helps create the glowing screens of mobile phones, computers and TVs—earned a Nobel Prize on Tuesday for two Japanese scientists and a Japanese-born American.

By inventing a new kind of light-emitting diode, or LED, they overcame a crucial roadblock for creating white light far more efficiently than incandescent or fluorescent bulbs. Now LEDs are pervasive and experts say their use will only grow.

“Incandescent light bulbs lit the 20th century; the 21st century will be lit by LED lamps,” the Nobel committee said in announcing its award to Japanese researchers Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano and naturalized U.S. citizen Shuji Nakamura.

Their work, done in the early 1990s, led to a fundamental transformation of technology for illumination, the committee said. And when the three arrive in Stockholm to collect their awards in early December, “they will hardly fail to notice the light from their invention glowing in virtually all the windows of the city.”

Nakamura, 60, is a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Akasaki, 85, is a professor at Meijo University and Nagoya University in Japan, while Amano, 54, is also at Nagoya. Akasaki and Amano



AP  
In this combination of photos shows three winners of Nobel Prize in physics, from left, Meijo University Prof. Isamu Akasaki, 85, Nagoya University Prof. Hiroshi Amano, 54, and Shuji Nakamura, 60, of the University of California at Santa Barbara, U.S.A.

made their inventions while working at Nagoya, while Nakamura was working separately at the Japanese company Nichia Chemicals.

At a press conference, Nakamura said he is “happy to see that my dream of LED lighting has become a reality. Nowadays we can buy energy-efficient light bulbs in the supermarket and help reduce energy use. I hope this helps to reduce global warming too,” he said, reading from a prepared statement.

Asked earlier if he realized the importance of his research early on, he told reporters, “Nobody can make a cellphone without ... my invention.”

Akasaki told a nationally-televised news conference in Japan that he had faced skepticism about his research bearing fruit. “But I never felt that way,” he said. “I was just doing what I wanted to do.”

Amano said in an interview

on NTV aired from Lyon, France on Wednesday that he credits Japan’s high school and university systems for his win.

“To know that the ultimate purpose of education, or anything, is to do something to help people. That says it all,” he said.

Before their work, scientists had long been able to produce red and green light with LEDs. But they needed a blue LED as well to make white light, a goal sought for about 30 years. The three new Nobel laureates created blue LEDs.

It’s “a fundamental invention that is rapidly changing the way we bring light to every corner of the home, the street and the workplace,” H. Frederick Dylla, the executive director and CEO of the American Institute of Physics, said in a statement.

For illuminating schools, homes and offices, “it’s quite possible this will change everything. All the light sources could easily become blue-LED-based light sources,” said Mark Rea, director of the Lighting Re-

search Center at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

Nadarajah Narendran, director of research at the center, estimated the share of illumination by LED lights in homes, offices, streets and industries is approaching 10 percent in the United States. Within five years, he said, that fraction will probably exceed 30 percent as prices come down.

People can already buy LED lights for their homes at a fairly affordable price, he said.

## Strong earthquake shakes southwestern China



AP  
In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, villagers check the damaged house at Mangla Village of Yongping Township at Jinggu County of Pu'er City, southwest China's Yunnan Province Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

## 3 from missing Thai helicopter survive

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—A passenger onboard a helicopter that went missing over one of Myanmar’s tallest mountains walked into a remote village Tuesday, saying both pilots also survived but were injured and needed help, organizers of the search said.

The helicopter, carrying only three people, disappeared soon after leaving Putao airport in Kachin state on Sept. 27 to drop food for a team searching for two Myanmar climbers.

It remained unclear if it crashed or made an emergency landing.

But on Tuesday afternoon, the sole passenger arrived in Lan Sar village after traveling “many miles” by foot, saying the Thai

and Myanmar pilots also were alive, according to the Htoo Foundation, which has been leading the search for both the helicopter and the missing climbers.

He said they were hurt and still deep in the forest.

A team of experienced climbers, villagers and police were preparing to rescue them, the organization said.

The helicopter was looking for two climbers who lost contact with base camp soon after reaching the ice-capped summit of the 5,881-meter (19,300-foot) Hkakabo Razi mountain.

The search for the missing climbers, now presumed dead, involved helicopters from Thailand, the U.S. and China, as well as other mountaineers.

**BEIJING (AP)**—A strong, shallow earthquake shook southwestern China overnight, killing at least one person, damaging buildings and prompting thousands to camp outside as aftershocks continued to strike the area, officials said Wednesday.

The earthquake with a magnitude of at least 6.0 hit the Weiyuan city area of Yunnan province at 9:49 p.m. when most residents would have been in their homes. At least 324 people also were injured, eight of them seriously, the Yunnan provincial government said.

“The whole building was shak-

ing terribly with a loud cracking sound. Plates fell off in the kitchen,” the official state Xinhua News Agency quoted Weiyuan resident Li Anqin as saying.

“We all ran out and the streets now are packed with people,” Li said.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake measured magnitude 6.0 at a depth of 10.1 kilometers (6.3 miles). Its shallow focus was likely to cause greater damage, but there were no immediate reports of serious destruction.

China’s national earthquake monitoring agency gave the

quake’s magnitude as 6.6 and said it struck just 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) below the surface. It said the quake was followed by eight aftershocks, the strongest of which registered at magnitude 4.2.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang ordered an “all-out effort” to rescue quake victims, ensure the delivery of food, water and other supplies, and fix disruptions to transportation and communications.

Worst hit was the town of Yongping, 5 kilometers (3 miles) from the epicenter, where some houses had collapsed, Xi-

nhua said.

Yongping has a population of 54,000, while the surrounding county of Jinggu closest to the epicenter has a population of 290,000.

Residents of a community near a 5-square-kilometer (2-square-mile) reservoir in Jinggu were evacuated after the reservoir’s dam was found to have an 8-centimeter-wide (3-inch-wide) crack that was leaking water following the quake. Officials were assessing the risk to the dam and seeing about repairs, said a Jinggu county official who gave only his surname, Yao.

## Myanmar freeing 3,073 prisoners in new amnesty

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Myanmar pardoned and began freeing 3,073 prisoners Tuesday in an amnesty that virtually excluded political prisoners despite a presidential pledge to free all such detainees by year’s end.

Most of those released had committed minor crimes, but

at least eight were former intelligence officers jailed a decade ago as part of a political purge. The release came a month ahead of a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders to be held in Myanmar.

The Ministry of Information announced the amnesty on its website, saying the prisoners were being freed “on humani-

tarian grounds.” It did not mention political prisoners.

Counting the number of political prisoners held and released is difficult because of disagreement on how to define them.

Publicly, Myanmar’s government used to routinely deny holding any political prisoners, instead characterizing them as

common law-breakers. But it grudgingly conceded the point in 2013, when it formed the Political Prisoner Scrutiny Committee comprising former prisoners, politicians and some government officials to review the cases of claimed political detainees.

Ye Aung, a former political detainee and a member of the official committee, initially

said 13 political prisoners would be freed, but later said none were freed, before again reviewing the list of those released, and saying said one had been amnestied.

Bo Kyi of the independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners initially said he had not heard of any political prisoners being released, but later also said one

had been freed. He identified the released prisoner as Mar La, a member of the Kachin minority, which has been battling the central government for autonomy.

“The majority are criminals. We told the government earlier that releasing criminals increases crime and measures should be taken to prevent it,” he said.



World

Turkey: Syrian town poised to fall to militants

**MURSITPINAR, Turkey** (AP)—Islamic State fighters were poised to capture a strategic Syrian town on the Turkish border, Turkey’s president warned Tuesday, even as Kurdish forces battled to expel the extremists from their footholds on the outskirts.

The outgunned Kurdish fighters struggling to defend Kobani got a small boost from a series of U.S.-led airstrikes against the militants that sent huge columns of black smoke into the sky. Limited coalition strikes have done little to blunt the Islamic State group’s three-week offensive, and its fighters have



**AP**  
Turkish Kurds sit on the outskirts of Suruc, on the Turkey-Syria border, as they watch smoke rising from a fire following an airstrike in Kobani, Syria, where the fighting between militants of the Islamic State group and Kurdish forces intensified, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014.

relentlessly shelled the town in preparation for a final assault.

Warning that the aerial campaign alone was not enough to halt the Islamic State group’s advance, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called for greater cooperation with the Syrian opposition, which is

fighting both the extremists and forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

“Kobani is about to fall,” Erdogan told Syrian refugees in the Turkish town of Gaziantep, near the border. “We asked for three things: One, for a no-fly zone to be created; Two, for a secure zone parallel to the region to be declared; and for the moderate opposition in Syria and Iraq to be trained and equipped.”

Erdogan’s comments did not signal a shift in Turkey’s position: He has said repeatedly that Ankara wants to see a more comprehensive strategy for Syria before it commits to military involvement in the U.S.-led coalition.

Turkish tanks and other ground forces have been stationed along the border within a few hundred yards of the fighting in Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, but have not intervened. And while Turkey said just days ago that it wouldn’t let Kobani fall, there’s no indication the government is prepared to make a major move to save it.

Ebola evades European defenses; health officials say dog must die

**MADRID** (AP)—Health officials in Spain rushed to contain the Ebola virus Tuesday after it got past Europe’s defenses, quarantining four people at a Madrid hospital where a nursing assistant got infected and persuading a court that the woman’s dog must die.

The first case of Ebola transmitted outside Africa, where a months-long outbreak has killed more than 3,400 people, is raising questions about how prepared wealthier countries really are. Health workers complained Tuesday that they lack the training and equipment to handle the virus, and the all-important tourism industry was showing its anxiety.

Medical officials in the United States, meanwhile, are retraining hospital staff and fine-tuning infection control procedures after the mishandling of a critically ill Liberian man in Texas, who might have exposed many others to the virus after being sent away by a hospital.

In Africa, the U.S. military was preparing to open a 25-bed mobile hospital catering to health care workers with Ebola, before building a total of 17 promised 100-bed Ebola Treatment Units in Liberia. The virus has taken an especially devastating toll on health care workers, sickening or killing more than 370 in the hardest-hit countries of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, where doctors and nurses were already in short supply.

And as the disease moved from a seemingly distant continent to the doorsteps of the world’s largest economies, government leaders faced growing pressure to ramp up responses. Spanish opposition parties called for the resignation of Health Minister Ana Mato, and the European Union demanded answers to what went wrong.

2 more womb-transplant babies coming

**GOTHENBURG, Sweden** (AP)—The world’s first baby born from a transplanted womb is soon to have company.

Two more women who became pregnant after having womb transplants are due to deliver in the next few weeks—and that could be the start of a new wave of babies born this way, say the Swedish doctors who pioneered the technique.

“It means a lot to me that we are able to help patients who have tried for so long to have families,” said Dr. Mats Brannstrom, a professor of gynecology and obstetrics at the University of Gothenburg, who led the project that brought about last month’s pioneering birth. “This is the last piece of the puzzle in finding a treatment for all women with infertility problems.”

Brannstrom predicted there would soon be many more babies born to women who have received donated wombs in countries where doctors are studying the technique, including Australia, Britain, the U.S., Japan and China.

Brannstrom said he has also started work on trying to grow a womb in the lab. That involves taking a womb from a deceased donor, stripping it of its DNA, then using cells from the recipient to line the structure. He has started preliminary tests in animals and estimated it would be another five years before the technique can be tried on humans.

While that may sound like science fiction, the techniques that led to the birth announced last week also sounded outlandish just years ago. “It makes what was formerly impossible possible,” said Dr. Nannette Santoro, chair of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Colorado. She was not involved in Brannstrom’s research.

The happy couple in Sweden named their son “Vincent”—which means “to conquer”—to celebrate a victory over their difficult journey to parenthood.



## Death & Funeral Announcement

# Manuel Babauta Kisa

Was born on May 30, 1938 and called to his eternal rest on October 05, 2014



In his new life, he now joins his: **Parents:** Enrique Ninaisen Kisa, Luisa Babauta Kisa

**Parent-in-Laws:** Francisco Taitague Ignacio, Josepha Camacho Ignacio

**Brothers & Sister:** Dicta Babauta Kisa, Felix Babauta Kisa, Juan Babauta Kisa

**Brother & Sister-in-Laws:** Judy Ignacio Quidachay, Cathy Ignacio Duenas, Joseph Camacho Ignacio, John Camacho Ignacio, Anthony Camacho Ignacio, Jessie Camacho Ignacio

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

**Wife:** **Antonia Ignacio Kisa**

**Children & Family:** **Manny Jr. I.** & Maricar A. Kisa (Anthony, Joseph, Joshua, & James)  
**Anicia Louise I. Kisa** & Joseph L. Lisua (Darhneall, Jacqueline, Raeyahna, & Norman)  
**Alma Jean K.** & Anthony N. Villagomez (Annabelle, Abigail, Anthony Jr., Ashley, & Ayden)  
**Matthew Wayne Kisa** & Sharlene Casil (Matthew Jr., Sharmayne, Joshua, Jeremyah, Shyann, & Mason)  
**Annie Marie K.** & Christian Adames (Isaiah, Isaac, & Krystabelle)  
**Amy Jo K.** & Juan Ramirez (Joel)

**Brothers, Sisters & In Laws:** **Hilaria K.** & Nicolas B. Santos & Family  
**Felix B.** & Trinidad C. Kisa & Family  
**Jovita K.** & John Masiwemai & Family  
**Doroteo B.** & Diane Kisa & Family  
**Lourdes B. Kisa** & Family  
**Maria K.** & Herman A. Torres & Family

**In-Laws:** **Maria Camacho Ignacio**  
**Frank C.** & + Joann C. Ignacio & Family  
**Dolores Ignacio** & Demitreo Rubic & Family  
**Sylvia I.** & + Mike Sahagon & Family  
**Helen I.** & Manuel Hernandez & Family  
**Annie I.** & Tommy Cruz & Family  
**Patricia C. Ignacio** & Alfonso Ramirez & Family  
**Mae Camacho Ignacio** & Family

*He is additionally survived by numerous cousins, god-children, nieces, and nephews.*

**Mass of Intention** is being offered at Kristo Rai Church on the following dates and time:

Tuesday	October 07, 2014	6:00 AM	Friday	October 10, 2014	6:00 PM
Wednesday	October 08, 2014	6:00 PM	Saturday	October 11, 2014	6:00 PM
Thursday	October 09, 2014	6:00 AM	Sunday	October 12, 2014	8:00 AM

**Nightly Rosary** will be said at 7:00 PM at the Kristo Rai Chruuch.

On Monday, October 13, 2014, his remains will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. and will be escorted to Kristo Rai Church for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment service at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Dangkulu na Si Yu’us Ma’asi and Thank You

*Antonia Ignacio Kisa, Children and Family*





# Environment

## In the wake of drought, a turtle habitat becomes a death trap

By LOUIS SAHAGUN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**ELIZABETH LAKE, Calif.**—Biologists strode along the cracked, dry mud surrounding this evaporating north Los Angeles County lake last month, pausing periodically to pick up an emaciated turtle and wash alkaline dust off its head and carapace.

“A lot of these animals are severely ill and starving,” said Tim Hovey, a state Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist, as he gestured toward a group of turtles bobbing in the murky water offshore.

After three years of drought, this natural 2-mile-long lake, about 15 miles west of Lancaster, has become a smelly, alkaline death trap for one of the largest populations of state-protected Western pond turtles in Southern California.

Many of the lake’s estimated 300 turtles—shy, aquatic reptiles that are 4 to 8 inches long and live to be 60 years old—are gathering along the receding shoreline with nothing to eat, no place to take refuge and “looking like they’ve been dipped in wet cement,” U.S. Geological Survey biologist Jeff Lovich said.

Occasional turtle die-offs are natural, but some biologists suggest the magnitude of this event may have been exacerbated by the water drawn from the drought-stricken lake to fight the devastating Powerhouse fire, which destroyed dozens of homes and scorched thousands of acres in the area last year.

The turtles’ plight was discovered in August during an environmental survey conducted by consultants working on behalf of some of the scores of people who are suing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power alleging the utility is responsible for the fire and failed to properly maintain power lines and equipment.

Preliminary results of necropsies conducted on five turtle carcasses at the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wis., suggest they died of diseases and conditions related to starvation, said David Green, an amphibian pathologist at the center.

The situation is not unprecedented. Elizabeth Lake, which is fed by stormwater, dried up in the mid-1960s and again in the early 1990s, wiping out aquatic life, including pond turtles. In both instances, the species somehow managed to recolonize the lake.

What sets the current crisis apart is an ongoing effort to save as many of the turtles as possible and to protect their genetic makeup.

Genetic sampling indicates the turtles are unique because

they contain genetic material of both northern and southern populations of the Western pond turtle, said Robert Fisher, a USGS biologist.

In a collaborative rescue operation led by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the USGS, the U.S. Forest Service and the biological consulting firm Ecorps, 30 turtles were captured in September and transported to the nonprofit Turtle Conservancy’s Behler Chelonian Center in Ventura County.

“The turtles we took in are eating with vigor and bouncing back,” said Paul Gibbons, managing director of the center and a reptile veterinarian certified by the American Veterinary Medical Association. “They’ll stay with us until it rains. After that, they’ll be returned to the lake.”

An unknown number of turtles has perished in the lake, part of a chain of wetlands along the San Andreas Fault. The western half of the lake is owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The eastern half is privately owned.

A team of state biologists has been monitoring the turtles on a daily basis, and weighing offers from institutions such as the San Diego Zoo and UCLA to provide temporary housing for dozens more of the ailing reptiles.

Complicating the search for caretakers is the concern that salvaged turtles might escape their temporary quarters and join local populations elsewhere, altering the genetic lineage.

The Western pond turtle—California’s only native freshwater turtle—was already in dire straits due to urbanization, which has consumed much of its habitat.

Once common in streams and lakes from the Canadian border to Baja, Mexico, the turtle is listed as endangered in Oregon and Washington and as a “species of special concern” in California because of its dwindling population. The species has been proposed for federal listing.

Armed with long-handled nets, water testing equipment and binoculars, Hovey and Gibbons recently walked the perimeter of the lake, which seemed to be on the verge of ecological collapse.

Salinity levels at the lake range from 31 to 43 parts per thousand parts of water, Gibbons said. The salinity level of the Pacific Ocean is about 35 parts per thousand.

Ravens poked at the remains of dead animals along the water’s edge. Myriad fresh tracks winding from the shoreline to higher ground indicate that the healthier turtles have been seek-



ing hibernation sites earlier than usual this year.

“It pulls on our heart strings to see large numbers of animals that are weak, starving and behaving strangely,” Gibbons said. “But wild populations sometimes get stronger by adapting to harsh conditions.”

**MCT**  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Tim Hovey returns a western pond turtle to the salt encrusted shore of drought withered Lake Elizabeth after assessing the turtles health October 2, 2014 in Lake Elizabeth, Calif.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

# † Antonia Babauta Blas

Affectionately known as “NONANG/TONA”  
November 24, 1953 – October 02, 2014

was called to her Eternal Rest on Thursday October 02, 2014 at the age of 60.

**In her new life, †Antonia now joins her:**  
**Father:** †Roberto San Nicolas Babauta  
**Parents in Law:** †Juan Santos and Ana Pangelinan Blas  
**Brother, Sisters and in law:** †Rosa Castro Blas, †Isabelle Rios, †Eleno G. Valdez, †Maria “Mako” Atalig Manalo

**The Love and Blessings of her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:**  
**Husband:** Manuel Pangelinan Blas  
**Mother:** Trinidad Manalo Babauta

**Children and Spouses:**  
**John B. & Cecilia Blas** (Hope Antoinette)  
**Michael B. Blas & Rebecca R. Agulto** (Remaica, Mira)  
**Thomas B. Blas & Heather Marie Castro** (Manuel John, Etriana Marie, Tormaica Marie)  
**Trini Ann B. & Nathan Sasamoto** (Narinany Faith, Clayton John)  
**Jocelyn Marie B. & Luke D. Pascua** (Devin Noel, Jacob Antonio, Hannah)  
**Manuel JR. & Chika Kato Blas**

**Brothers and Sisters:**  
 Augusta B. & Reynaldo Deleon Guerrero and Children  
 Doris B. & Edward Pua and Children  
 Barbara B. & William Mennel and Children  
 Nobert M. Joy Babauta and Children  
 Robert JR. M. & Soledad Babauta & Children  
 Eugene M. and Angela L. Babauta and Children  
 Jesse M. & Alyssa Babauta and Children  
 Trini Ann B. Fital & Chad Smith and Children

**Brothers and Sisters in Law:**  
 Luis P. Blas and children  
 Maria P. Blas and children  
 Rosa B. & Leonardo Salalila and children  
 Dolores B. & Manuel Babauta & children  
 Nicolas P. Blas

**She will also be greatly missed by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends**

Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each evening at 6:00pm at San Jose Church, Oleai followed by Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.  
 Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014.  
 Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 8:30am to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 9:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 9:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am.  
 Interment Services will follow immediately at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers

**Manuel Pangelinan Blas, Children and Families**



# Life & Style

## '7th Heaven' actor accused of child molestation

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Two cable television networks said Tuesday they would not broadcast scheduled re-runs of veteran TV actor Stephen Collins' beloved family series "7th Heaven."

The networks, UP TV and TV Guide, announced the cancellations after details of molestation allegations against Collins were reported by celebrity website TMZ.

New York police confirmed Tuesday they have an open investigation into allegations the actor molested a teenage girl in the early 1970s.

New York Police Department spokesman Stephen David said the complaint was filed in 2012 accusing Collins of forcing a then-14-year-old girl to commit a lewd act in the actor's Manhattan apartment in 1972. David says the case remains open and is being handled by Special Victims Division detectives, but no charges have been filed.

Prosecutors will make a determination about whether any charges should be pursued.

Collins' lawyer, Mark Vincent Kaplan, and talent agent, Mark Teitelbaum, did not return messages seeking comment Tuesday.

Hollywood trade publications



reported Tuesday that Collins lost a role in the film "Ted 2" and resigned his position from the acting guild SAG-AFTRA.

Pamela Greenwalt, a spokeswoman for SAG-AFTRA, de-

clined comment on Collins' departure from its national board. The actor's name had been removed from lists of current board membership by Tuesday afternoon.

**AP**  
In this June 17, 2013 file photo, Stephen Collins attends the premiere party for "Devious Maids" at the Bel-Air Bay Club in Los Angeles.

The actor's estranged wife, Faye Grant, wrote in a sworn court declaration in Los Angeles last year that her husband had disclosed he molested at least three young girls.

Grant wrote in the November 2012 declaration in the couple's divorce case that she reported abuse to Los Angeles police, who said they are not actively investigating the actor, but could not offer details on any previous investigations. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said it did not have records of a case being presented to prosecutors.

"Stephen admitted that he has engaged in a long-term pattern of sexually abusing minor children, including sexually molesting three young girls over a decade ago," Grant wrote in the sworn declaration, which was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court in November.

In March, Kaplan declined to discuss specifics about the claims, saying his response was included in court filings that described the accusations

as an effort to obtain a more favorable settlement of the couple's divorce. The filings do not include a denial of the molestation allegations, but attack Grant's use of them as "an attempt to extort concessions in settlement" from Collins.

The report to New York police was made six months after Collins filed to divorce Grant, who he married in 1985.

Grant and Collins separated in February 2012, roughly two weeks after the actress said she learned of her husband's abuse in therapy sessions, according to her declaration. Collins filed for divorce three months after the separation.

Grant states her husband has said two of the girls he molested were abused when they were between the ages of 10 and 14

years old. She said she had no indications that he was abusing girls until he disclosed it in therapy, and that she reported his disclosures to police in New York and Los Angeles.

Collins has worked steadily in television and movie roles since the early 1970s, with appearances in movies such as "All the President's Men," "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," and recurring roles on series such as "No Ordinary Family," "Revolution" and "Devious Maids" after "7th Heaven" concluded its 11-season run in 2007.

CBS Television Distribution, which owns and distributes re-runs of "7th Heaven," declined comment on the cancellations by the two channels airing it domestically.

## Pot advocate says travels show legalization works

**PORTLAND, Ore.**

**(AP)**—Rick Steves smokes the occasional joint, but he's not arguing for marijuana legalization in Oregon just because he likes to get high.



Steves, a national-

ly known guidebook author and host on public radio and television, said Tuesday he's convinced that marijuana prohibition in the U.S. operates solely to harm the poor and people of color, and to profit off their punishment.

"It's not guys like me, rich white guys, who need it," Steves said Tuesday at a downtown Portland hotel. "It's the people who are arrested and cited, who are poor."

Steves is crisscrossing western and central Oregon in support of a ballot measure to legalize marijuana, a movement that picked up steam in 2012 when Colorado and Washington state each approved legal marijuana and commercial outlets to sell it.

None of it would have happened without a plummeting stock market in 2008, Steves said.

"When you look at the end of Prohibition, it came during the Depression because they couldn't afford to jail all those guys," Steves said. "There's no coincidence that (marijuana legalization) was taken seriously only after the recession."

Steves wrote in the book "Travel as a Political Act" that his globe-trotting reveals marijuana decriminalization is good for society.

"There is this idea that there's this reservoir of people who will immediately begin to

smoke pot if it's legal and ruin their lives," Steves said. "In Europe, they've shown that that's not true."

The No on 91 campaign, which draws most of its funding from law

enforcement groups, has said that marijuana legalization will make it easier for children to access the drug.

Spokeswoman Mandi Puckett said Steves' message is muddled.

While European drug-control measures may rely on reducing harm instead of imprisoning users, Puckett said Holland has found it is "not successful at all there" in reducing dependency or crime.

Puckett said Washington and Colorado should be left to experiment with the drug.

"Oregon would be wiser to slow down," said Puckett, adding that she would likely never support full legalization. "Let them be the guinea pigs."

Steves supported Washington state's successful 2012 measure to legalize marijuana, but didn't back a 2012 Oregon legalization measure because, he said, it was "pro-marijuana," without any input from groups with a stake in the measure, like law enforcement. This year's ballot initiative, called Measure 91, is "anti-prohibition," Steves said.

The difference is the planning, he said. Money in Measure 91 is set aside for law enforcement, schools and drug-treatment programs. The measure seeks to legalize the sale and taxation of marijuana in Oregon. The drug is now legal for medicinal use.

## The Zen of Bill: A Q&A with Bill Murray



**AP**  
This Sept. 9, 2012 photo shows Bill Murray at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival in Toronto.

worst kind work. Deep cleaning. And, yet, I didn't have a stroke. Life could be worse. I'm not complaining. I could be the guy with the stroke.

**AP: This film could have easily slid into sentimentality, something you've made a career out of avoiding.**

**MURRAY:** Sentimentality to me is a symbol that we've left the planet. OK, bye-bye. Let me know when you come back because you're no longer here. You just left. It reminds of being at a funeral, like my dad dies and the grief is just overpowering. And all anyone can say to you is, "Well, he's probably up there in heaven, bowling with Uncle George." It's like, "Yeah, that's probably it. He's up there bowling with Uncle George." He's dead. He's gone. What am I going to do? Talk to ME. Don't make up your own dreamscape. Stay here with me, will you? Don't go away.

**AP: You seem to avoid separating yourself from the public.**

**MURRAY:** Most people are fine. The percentages are the same as they are in your life, the people you meet. The range of experience is the same for all of

us, I think. I just have a lot more of them. A lot more of them.

**AP: Harvey Weinstein will surely push you for an Academy Award nomination for this.**

**MURRAY:** That running after prizes stuff, I was involved in that once before. It's like a low-grade virus. It's an infection when you really campaign for it. But it's fun to win the prize because you get the chance to get up on stage and be funny.

**AP: You seem to still enjoy that, like at the Q&A following a festival screening of "Ghostbusters."**

**MURRAY:** Like shooting fish in a barrel. You can do things with a few hundred people. You can really mess around. You can shock a lot of people at once. You have an incredible liberty to avoid everything that's expected of a man at a microphone.

**AP: You spoke then about the importance of staying relaxed. Are you doing a good job of that?**

**MURRAY:** Only when I remember. I've actually started saying, "I'm not a worrier." People say, "Don't worry about ..." And I say, "I'm not a worrier." I've found it to be extremely helpful. It helps things in some kind of psychological bag that you're throwing me. Don't throw me a coiled up rope. Give it to me straight.

**TORONTO (AP)**—Sitting through the premiere of his latest film, "St. Vincent," Bill Murray was unexpectedly moved.

"I thought, 'Well, I better not be crying when the lights come up,'" Murray recalled in an interview shortly after the film's Toronto Film Festival debut. "That would be bad for my image."

For an actor who has worked irregularly and often in smaller roles, "St. Vincent," which opens Friday, is his most challenging part in years. It's a technically demanding role that includes a coarse Brooklyn accent and portraying the aftermath of a stroke. His character, Vincent, gruffly but tenderly mentors a shy boy next door (Jaeden Lieberher), teaching him an upper-cut, not to mention how to play the triffecta.

While popping jelly beans in

a hotel room, Murray reflected on his newfound ambition, his Oscar hopes and how he stays relaxed.

**AP: This might be your biggest part since Jim Jarmusch's "Broken Flowers" in 2005.**

**MURRAY:** It is ambitious and it is larger. I've just been taking the jobs I like. I haven't had any kind of a plan, really. It really was a big, leading part. I thought to myself, "God, I haven't had to be the leading part in a while."

**AP: Playing a stroke victim rehabbing with slurred speech would scare me if I was an actor.**

**MURRAY:** Scared me, too. I hate that not-having-your-faculties acting. That's like acting school. I don't want to go to acting school, ever. That was like doing ordinals or cleaning paint with a small razor blade. It's the



## Hillsong UNITED top winner at Dove Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Hillsong UNITED used their chart-topping song “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” to bring home five trophies Tuesday night at the Dove Awards.

The song, which has been on the top of Billboard’s Hot Christian Songs chart for more than 50 weeks, reigned at the Gospel Music Association’s 45th annual Christian music awards. The song won for song of the year, pop/contemporary recorded song of the year and worship song of the year.

Jonathon Douglass, one of the band members of Australia-based Hillsong UNITED, geeked out about receiving the artist of the year award from Grammy-winning Christian singer Amy Grant.

“Unfortunately, a lot of Christian music didn’t make it to Australia, but your cassettes did, in my mum’s car with me,” Douglass told Grant during the show. “I can’t wait to tell Mum that I met you.”

The band, which started as the youth band for Hillsong Church in Sydney, Australia, also took home trophies for

artist of the year and contemporary Christian performance of the year. They have won one previous Dove Award.

The church, Hillsong, also received a special lifetime achievement award. Douglass said the band started out just as a pastime for youth at the church.

“We started writing songs for our high school friends in our suburbs, songs that were our expressions to glorify Jesus,” Douglass said.

Other top winners were Switchfoot, with three awards, and Skillet with two awards. Rapper Lecrae and Bart Millard of MercyME were the hosts for the awards show, which took place at Lipscomb University and airs on the Trinity Broadcasting Network on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Performers for the show included some of the biggest acts in Christian music, including the Newsboys, for KING & COUNTRY, Natalie Grant and Mandisa, who also took home the award for pop/contemporary album of the year for her album, “Overcomer.”



Keri Jobe speaks with reporters after receiving the Dove Award on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn. AP

## Lawrence: Photo hacking was ‘sex crime’

NEW YORK (AP)—The people who chose to look at nude celebrity photos that hackers posted committed “a sexual offense,” actress Jennifer Lawrence says in an exclusive interview with Vanity Fair in its November issue.

The Oscar winner, who was among dozens of celebrities whose photos were posted beginning on Aug. 31, attacked both the hackers and those who sought out the photos in the interview, which marked the first time she had publicly commented.

“It is not a scandal. It is a sex crime,” she said about the hackers. “It is a sexual violation. It’s disgusting. The law needs to be changed, and we need to change.”

Of those who looked at the photos, she said, “Anybody who looked at those pictures, you’re perpetuating a sexual offense. You should cower with shame.”

The 24-year-old said the photos were taken for her boyfriend of four years, actor Nicholas Hoult, adding that the hardest phone call she had to make was to her father, telling him that the photos were stolen and posted



In this May 17, 2014 file photo, Jennifer Lawrence appears at the “Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1” party at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France. Lawrence, 24, is speaking out about those nude photos that were stolen via hacking and posted online in an exclusive interview with Vanity Fair for its November issue. AP

on the Web.

She said she considered writing a statement, but each time would “cry or get angry.”

Apple acknowledged computer hackers targeted and then broke into the accounts of Lawrence and several oth-

er stars whose revealing photos were posted on sites like Imgur.com, Reddit and Twitter, among others, during the Labor Day weekend; the FBI previously confirmed it was investigating.

Earlier this month, Apple

announced plans to tighten its online security and also urged users to use stronger passwords and enable a two-step authentication feature to prevent data thefts.

The November issue of Vanity Fair goes on sale Oct. 14.

## Simpson case to launch FX’s ‘American Crime Story’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The FX network is joining with “American Horror Story” producer Ryan Murphy on a true-crime anthology miniseries. First up: the O.J. Simpson murder case.

Each season of the miniseries, “American Crime Story,” will focus on a different crime that captured the public’s imagination, FX said Tuesday.

The 1994 killing of Simpson’s ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman, and Simpson’s arrest and trial led to a prolonged media frenzy. The NFL Hall of Famer and former TV and movie star

was acquitted in the case but is in prison for a robbery.

FX did not announce the casting or air date for season one of “American Crime Story,” based on a book by lawyer and TV legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin. The fourth season of “American Horror Story” begins Wednesday.

In this Oct. 3, 1995 file photo, O.J. Simpson, center, clenches his fists in victory after the jury said he was not guilty in the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in a Los Angeles courtroom as attorneys F. Lee Bailey, left, and Robert Shapiro, right, look on. AP



## Dad who took on fatherhood finds his title taken away

**D**EAR ABBY: About two years ago, a close female friend, “Carla,” had her first child. The biological father is from another country. When she told him she was pregnant, he refused to have anything to do with the child, so I decided to take over the role as a father.

I have been with Carla and my son since she found out about the pregnancy. When she was in her last trimester, we decided to give a shot to the relationship and become a couple. Everything was great. She had our child. When he was born, I really became a father. But after two years, everything didn’t go as we planned and we broke up.

Now Carla says I’m not the father, and she won’t give my son my last name. I don’t know what to do. I really want him to be known as my son, but without my last name, everyone sees me only as the guy who is raising another guy’s son.

The breakup took a huge toll on me. During our last fight, she said I should forget about being the father and accept that I’m only the godfather. Please tell me what I can do.

SAD DAD IN EL SALVADOR

**DEAR SAD DAD:** There’s a saying, “No good deed goes unpunished,” and I think it applies to you. You appear to be a wonderful, loving person, and I can see how emotionally wrenching this has been for you.

However, the legal father of that little boy is the person

whose name is on the birth certificate. While you have loved Carla’s child and have assumed the role of father, legally you may not be. A lawyer can explain this to you, and tell you if you have any options other than being a positive, stable, masculine presence in the child’s life. But I suspect the mother’s wishes will prevail.

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently a friend of mine went to a ritzy gala. When dinner was served, she closed her eyes and said a brief and quiet prayer. When she opened them, the people at her table were appalled. One guest admonished her, telling her she shouldn’t pray out of respect for others.

Was she wrong? What’s the proper etiquette? Should she stop saying her grace?

GRACE BEFORE DINNER

**DEAR GRACE:** As long as your friend said her prayer quietly and didn’t impose it upon the other attendees, she did nothing wrong. Actually, the rule of etiquette is to refrain from criticizing the table manners of other guests—and the person who admonished your friend was rude.

**DEAR ABBY:** I met this beautiful woman online. We have been dating for a few months, and I really don’t care for her natural hairstyle and the scarves/headgear she wears when we’re to-

## DEAR ABBY

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gether. I have tiptoed around the issue. What should I do?

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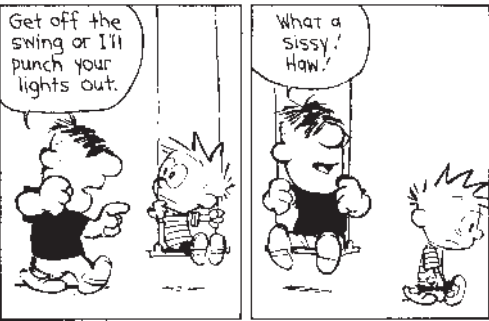
**DEAR BACHELOR:** Hair can be a sensitive issue with women. A natural hairdo is a lot healthier than coloring, perming or straightening, all of which involve products that can damage hair. Hats and scarves are a quick solution when a woman feels she’s having a bad hair day. My advice to you is to accept her just the way she is—unless you want to risk losing her.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in “What Every Teen Should Know.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



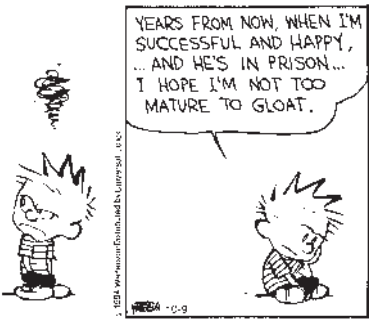
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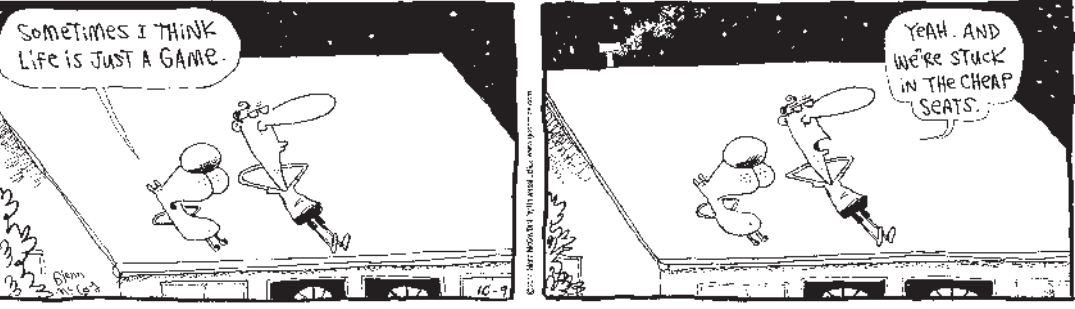


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18 Stag's lack

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25 Ostrich's cousin

26 Ballerina

27 Skiers' mecca

28 Salary

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32 Caffeine- rich nut

33 TV trophy

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Yesterday's answer 10-9

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Bran- don Routh, 35; Scott Bakula, 60; Tony Shalhoub, 61; Sharon Osbourne, 62.

**Happy Birthday:** Put the past behind you and head for the doorway that leads to a brighter future. Follow through with projects or pursuits that allow you to take on a new interest that can bring in extra cash. Step into an influential position even if it requires you to take on more responsibilities. You will reap the unexpected rewards. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 27, 34, 39, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put your head down and finish whatever job you are given. The less fuss you make, the better. Set your mind on physical activity, having fun and enjoying the moment, not complaining. Romance will improve your personal life. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will experience difficulties getting along with people you meet today. Keep your so- cializing to a minimum and focus on what you can do to improve your community, your home and your relationship with family and friends. Control your emotions. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Go to the spa or sign up for a program that leads to self-improvement. Love is in the stars, and planning a romantic evening will improve your love life. Children's activities will open your eyes to new possibilities. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be careful how you approach others. Use your in- telligence and express your thoughts. Be mindful of those around you and you will avoid

discord. Don't be frazzled by a last-minute change of plans. Move forward without concern. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can make positive changes at home and at work. Focus on having fun with friends, peers or your lover. Explore what's offered in your community and you will meet someone who has something to offer. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Make changes to your personal papers, but don't be too vocal about your plans, in- tentions or what your assets are. Making home improvements will keep you out of trouble as long as you get the go-ahead from anyone your plans will affect. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make love, not war. Concentrate on partnerships and doing the most to help the ones you love and the causes that concern you. Take an active role in your community and you will reap the re- wards. Romance is in the stars. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put your heart into whatever job you are given. It's what you do and how productive you are that will bring you the accolades you desire. Your creative imagination is highlighted and should be used to get ahead personally and pro- fessionally. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Find an outlet for your energy and strive to excel. Travel, making a residential move or improving your surroundings will all pay off. A problem with the way you earn your living will lead to a positive change. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let your emotions interfere with your in- tegrity. Disappointment must not deter you from reaching your goals. Don't count on anyone but yourself and you will excel. Resolve an emotional situation in an unusual but prompt way and you will gain respect. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Look for a good deal. An unexpected change must be embraced wholeheartedly if you want to give it a positive spin. Stay in control and you can get ahead personally. An investment will pay off with an interesting job offer. Love is high- lighted. \*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Creative accounting or putting your money into a sound investment will help stabilize your financial position. Don't let a colleague goad you into an argument. It's what you ac- complish that will bring satisfaction and greater job security. \*\*\*\*

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

1 4 2 9 5 6 2 8 7 5 3 4 8 3 4 3 9 1 4 6 7 8 1

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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7 5 2 6 4 3 8 9 1  
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1 3 9 7 2 5 4 8 6  
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6 2 7 8 9 4 3 1 5

**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

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Yesterday's Answer: Basil

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# Cards sink Kershaw again, head to another NLCS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Matt Adams could barely contain his enthusiasm

and he didn't really try, either. He thrust both arms in the air while still in the batter's box and added a couple of big hops to his home run trot as he approached first base.

A stunned Clayton Kershaw, bent over at the waist with his hands on his knees, watched from the mound as the long drive off Big City's bat propelled St. Louis to a fourth straight NL Championship Series.

"Some people are calling it the Big City Leap," Adams said. "I was just super-excited, I didn't know what I was doing ... I knew I was jumping for joy."

The Cardinals tagged Kershaw in the seventh inning for the second straight time, riding Adams' go-ahead, three-run homer to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday for a 3-1 win in the best-of-five Division Series.

"I don't think I touched the ground the whole way around the bases," Adams said. "Definitely the highlight of my career... I will never, ever forget this."

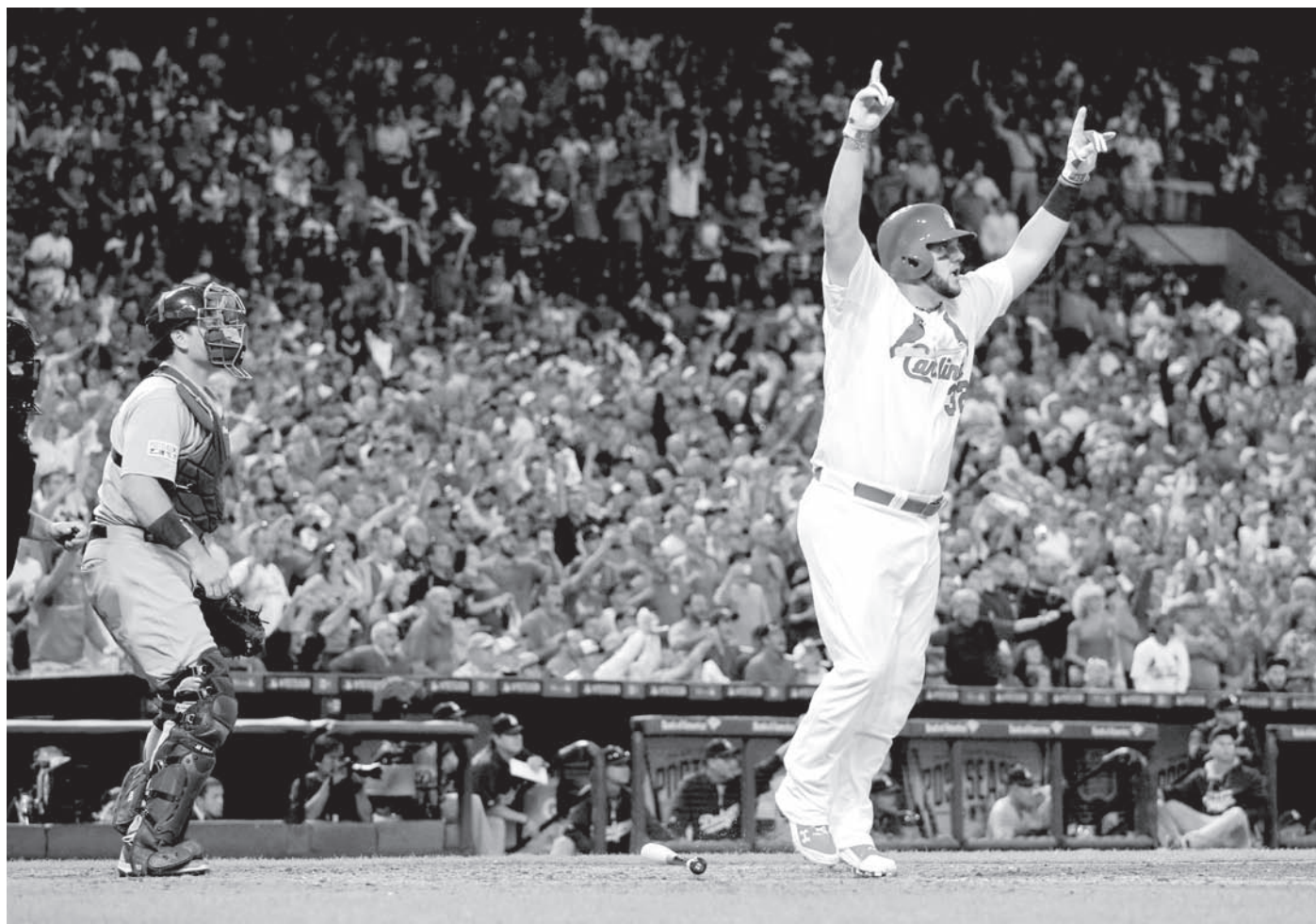
Neither will Kershaw.

The Cardinals sent the Dodgers home for the second postseason in a row with a win over Kershaw. Last year it was in Game 6 of the NLCS.

"The season ended and I was a big part of the reason why," Kershaw said. "I can't really put it into words, Just bad deja vu all over again."

The NLCS starts Saturday in St. Louis, with the Cardinals hosting San Francisco in a rematch of 2012 won by the Giants.

Trevor Rosenthal allowed



St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams celebrates after hitting a three-run home in the seventh inning of Game 4 of baseball's NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, in St. Louis.

two runners in the ninth before getting Carl Crawford on a grounder for a game-ending forceout for his third save of the series. At AT&T Park in San Francisco, fans cheered when the rival Dodgers were eliminated.

"It was awesome, everything we did throughout that game," starter Shelby Miller said. "It was a heck of a game and a lot of fun, I know that."

An overwhelming favorite to win his third NL Cy Young Award in four years, Kershaw's October resume is a wreck.

Kershaw dropped to 1-5 with a 5.12 ERA in 11 postseason games, including three

relief appearances early in his career. He has lost four straight starts to St. Louis over the past two postseasons.

"I've had success against them, too," Kershaw said. "It just seems like one inning gets me every time. And obviously that's not success."

While the steady Cardinals advanced to their ninth NLCS in 15 years, the defeat was a huge disappointment for the NL West champion Dodgers, who finished the regular season with a \$256 million payroll that was \$40 million higher than any other team.

Los Angeles remains without a pennant since winning the

1988 World Series.

"It's awful," catcher A.J. Ellis said. "It's devastating. It just kind of rehashes those old memories."

Manager Don Mattingly wasn't about to second-guess leaving Kershaw in the game, especially with a bullpen that's foundered. He wanted the lefty to get three more outs.

"It goes back to the same question: Is there anybody better, even on short rest, and even where he was at that point?" Mattingly said.

Kershaw started on three days' rest for the second time in his postseason career. He was dominant into the sev-

enth, as he was in Game 1, but again started the inning with three straight hits.

The third hit Tuesday came when Adams, the burly bopper know as Big City, drove a curveball on Kershaw's 102nd pitch into the right-center bullpen to put St. Louis up 3-2.

"I had a pretty good idea that it was gone," Adams said.

The red-clad crowd roared and twirled white towels as Kershaw made a slow slog back to the Dodgers' dugout.

Kershaw allowed one homer to left-handed batters while going 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA in the regular season. He gave up two to the Cardinals, with Matt Car-

penter connecting in the opener. The left-handed ace is 0-3 with a 9.72 ERA in his last three postseason appearances.

Reliever Marco Gonzales earned his second victory of the series, after getting treated for a nosebleed. The rookie lefty got Adrian Gonzalez on a groundout to end the seventh and strand two runners.

Pat Neshek worked a perfect eighth for the second straight game and Rosenthal pitched the ninth for a second straight day, receiving two visits to the mound from catcher Yadier Molina and one from the pitching coach after a shaky start to the inning.

Kershaw had yielded only one hit through six innings and struck out nine, including three in a row in the sixth.

But Matt Holliday opened the seventh with a sharp single up the middle off second baseman Dee Gordon's glove, and Jhonny Peralta lined another single before Adams homered off a left-hander for the first time since July 7.

The Cardinals had an NL-low 105 homers this season and left-hander batters had only eight homers against lefty pitching. But lefties hit five off Dodgers southpaws in four playoff games.

Miller matched Kershaw into the sixth, when the Dodgers started the inning with two hits. They scored a run on Matt Kemp's double-play grounder and added another on Juan Uribe's RBI single against Seth Maness.

But Los Angeles wasted a chance to add on when Andre Ethier, playing in place of Yasiel Puig, was picked off third by Molina—a call overturned by video review.

Miller went 5 2-3 innings in his first postseason start.

## SIDE BAR

### Giants eliminate Nationals, 3-2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The San Francisco Giants are on another October roll in their every-other-year pattern of postseason success.

Joe Panik scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning on Aaron Barrett's bases-loaded wild pitch, and the Giants edged the Washington Nationals 3-2 Tuesday night to return to the NL Championship Series.

The wild-card Giants won 3-1 in the best-of-five Division Series by also scoring on a walk and a groundout. Hunter Pence turned in a defensive gem in right field that helped hold the Nationals at bay as San Francisco won for the 11th time in its last 12 postseason games.

"It's been a remarkable journey. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Pence said. "If it was easy, it wouldn't be as fun."

San Francisco travels to St. Louis for Game 1 on Saturday. It's a rematch of the 2012 NLCS, when the Giants rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Cardinals on the way to their second World Series championship in three years.

Santiago Casilla walked Bryce Harper with two outs in the ninth, then retired Wilson Ramos on a grounder to end it. Casilla was mobbed on the mound as fireworks shot off from the center-field scoreboard.

Harper splashed a tying home run into McCovey Cove in the seventh, but Washington's season ended with a third straight one-run defeat, including that excruciating 2-1 loss in 18 innings Saturday in Game 2.

The Nationals' offense never got on track, lacking the power that carried them to an NL East title and the best

record in the league at 96-66.

"It's tender and it's bitter and all of those things, but I'm proud of them," rookie manager Matt Williams said.

After his wild pitch snapped a 2-all tie, Barrett got set to intentionally walk Pablo Sandoval. But the right-hander sailed a toss way over the head of Ramos, who quickly retrieved the ball near the backstop. Ramos threw to Barrett covering the plate, where he tagged out a sliding Buster Posey.

The call was upheld after a replay review of 1 minute, 57 seconds, denying San Francisco an insurance run.

"It was just one of those weird plays where they ended up getting me," Posey said.

Just like a night earlier when Giants ace Madison Bumgarner's one miscue cost his team the game, Barrett blew it this time.

Pence produced the play of the night when he slammed his back into an archway on

the right-field wall to rob Jayson Werth of extra bases in the sixth. Fans enjoying the game from the outside portwalk witnessed the catch from just behind Pence and broke into frenzied cheers.

"That catch he made was unreal. It really brought momentum back in our favor," Posey said.

The very next inning, Pence could only watch as Harper hit a towering drive over the right-field arcade and between two boats among a large group of kayakers in the cove. It was the 104th splash homer at 15-year-old AT&T Park and third in the postseason.

Rick Ankiel did it for the Braves in the 2010 NLDS.

Hunter Strickland, the rookie reliever who gave up Harper's solo home run to the third deck in the seventh inning of Game 1 and then later said he would challenge the slugger again if given the chance, got his opportunity Tuesday and paid for it.

Harper crushed a 3-1 pitch from Strickland and appeared to give the pitcher a look as he rounded the bases. Harper celebrated in the dugout and shouted out toward the field.

"It's a 2-1 game, I hit the home run in the seventh, of course I'm going to go crazy. I don't even know what I'm doing," Harper said. "They beat us, so the home run was nothing."

Strickland still did enough to earn his first postseason victory. Sergio Romo pitched a perfect eighth and Casilla closed it out before the celebration began.

Bumgarner, hat on backward, took off from the dugout and ran along the left-field fence and all the way around AT&T Park to lead a victory lap of Giants players slapping hands. Sandoval pumped his arms in the air and waved to fans.

"I think anyone that's here tonight sees what type of electric atmosphere this is, and we just love playing in front of these

fans," Posey said.

San Francisco fans cheered when the rival Dodgers were eliminated by St. Louis at Busch Stadium earlier Tuesday, putting the Cardinals in their fourth straight NLCS. They went crazy once their Giants clinched another chance to play for the pennant, and the city is counting on the Giants' every-other-year trend of winning it all.

San Francisco won the World Series in 2010 and again 2012. The team's 10-game postseason winning streak, a record for NL teams, was snapped with a 4-1 loss to the Nationals on Monday.

The Giants began their latest playoff run with a wild-card win last Wednesday night in Pittsburgh.

Williams, groomed in the Giants' system as a player, and his stunned players head home to the nation's capital after a much quicker exit than they envisioned.



# Allen's agent shoots down Cavaliers rumors



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The agent for free-agent shooting guard Ray Allen says his client has not decided whether to continue his NBA career.

Agent Jim Tanner posted a statement on Twitter saying the 39-year-old Allen remains uncertain about his future. Tanner felt the need to comment following rumors Allen signed with the Cavaliers.

Allen has played 19 seasons in the league, the past two with Miami. When LeBron James re-signed with Cleveland this summer it was believed Allen might join him. However, Tanner spoke with Allen on Tuesday and said "Ray's position has not changed. Ray has not decided if he will play this season nor has he signed w/ the (at)Cavs."

Allen won an NBA championship with the Boston Celtics and Heat.

A 10-time All-Star, Allen has made more 3-pointers (2,973) than any player in history. He's played in 171 post-season games.

## NBA extends deals with ESPN, TNT

Meanwhile, the NBA and its television partners couldn't wait to extend their contracts.

The league renewed its deals with ESPN and TNT even though two seasons remain on the old ones. With potential competition from Fox looming, both networks were willing to pay generously to secure the rights long term.

The NBA's annual revenue from the agreements will increase from \$930 million to more than \$2.6 billion, according to a person familiar with the terms. The person spoke on

AP  
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condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the league did not announce financial figures.

"We ultimately made a decision that this was the right time to go," Commissioner Adam Silver said at a news conference Monday. "These are extraordinarily healthy deals financially."

The contracts will run an additional nine years through the 2024-25 season. The previous eight-year agreements end after 2015-16.

"We believe at the end of the deal it will feel inexpensive," ESPN President John Skipper said. "It's hard to imagine."

What was painful to imagine for both companies was life without the NBA.

"Each year the playoffs help TNT win nights of television during all-important May sweeps," said David Levy, president of Turner Broadcasting System.

The basics won't change: The NBA Finals remain on ABC, ESPN's broadcast partner. ESPN/ABC and TNT will continue to split the conference finals.

Broadcasting rights fees have been skyrocketing across all sports as live events become increasingly valuable to advertisers. Few viewers will DVR an NBA game, which means they can't fast-forward through the commercials.

"There's never been a better time to be an owner of an NBA franchise or frankly, any professional sports team," said Washington Wizards owner Ted Leonsis, chairman of the league's media committee.



Players may remember that comment when they negotiate the next collective bargaining agreement with owners, which could happen in 2017. Owners insisted they needed a new financial structure during the 2011 talks and emerged with a deal that slashed the players' guarantee of basketball revenues.

"The whole thing that went on with the last negotiation

process was the owners were telling us they were losing money. There's no way they can sit in front of us and tell us that right now," Cleveland's LeBron James said. "After we continue to see teams selling for billions of dollars, being purchased for \$200 million, signing for \$550, \$750 and \$2 billion and now (Mikhail) Prokhorov is possibly selling

his majority stake in the Nets for over \$1 billion. That will not fly with us this time."

The league has relationships with both Fox and Comcast, NBC's parent company, which locally televise teams' games on their regional sports networks. If the national contract had gone to the open market, NBC also could have pursued a return to NBA coverage to

boost its 24-hour sports cable channel, NBCSN.

Silver said the league took into consideration the potential interest of tech companies such as Google and Apple that could eventually bid on sports rights and change the model for how fans watch games.

But for the next decade and beyond, the NBA is sticking with what works.

"I don't think we left any money on the table," Silver said. "We're confident that we maximized what our opportunity was in the marketplace."

For ESPN, the value of the deal goes beyond games, though there are more of those, too: ESPN and ABC are adding 10 regular-season matchups, bringing their total to 100.

The network also gets expanded rights to air highlights and will significantly expand its NBA studio shows. The goal is to make basketball a year-round topic of conversation as the NFL has become on ESPN.

To that end, the agreement adds the NBA's Summer League and its developmental league. The network also extends its WNBA contract through 2025 and increases its offerings for ESPN International.

And then there are the plans for a new service for mobile devices that ESPN will run, with the NBA receiving equity interest. Details on that have yet to be determined.

ESPN now owns rights to the NBA, NFL, Major League Baseball, college football playoffs and four of the five power conferences through at least 2021. Only the Big Ten contract ends soon among the network's biggest sports properties.

It will be at least another decade before Fox can try to put a substantial dent in ESPN's head start.

TNT, meanwhile, can't offer its own 24-hour sports channel to the NBA. But it has deep business ties to the league through managing its digital properties, which includes NBA TV and NBA.com.

The new deal includes expanded digital rights for Bleacher Report, the sports website acquired by Turner, TNT's parent company. TNT will televise an additional 12 games with playoff implications over the second half of the season on nights other than its traditional Thursday, bringing its total to 64.

TNT will also air a new post-season awards show.

When the NBA negotiated its last CBA, the union secured the ability for either side to opt out in 2017 so players could gauge the effects of the next television deals on revenue. One reason James signed for only two years with the Cavaliers was an expectation that the salary cap would rise significantly with more TV money pouring in, increasing maximum salaries.

## Conduct policy, Bills vote on NFL owners' agenda



**NEW YORK** (AP)—National Football League owners will meet Wednesday to discuss the league's personal conduct policy, vote on the sale of the Buffalo Bills and look at further international play.

These are critical meetings for the owners, with Commissioner Roger Goodell under fire for his handling of the Ray Rice case, and with several high-profile player arrests involving domestic abuse. Although the owners have supported Goodell remaining in the job, they also have been embarrassed by loud criticism of the league's recent missteps.

"We need to limit this," Texans owner Robert McNair said of misbehavior by players, "so punishment is not an issue."

The discussion of social re-

sponsibility and the personal conduct policy initiatives will overshadow approval of the purchase of the Bills by Buffalo Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula. That transaction is considered certain, with three-quarters of the teams needing to vote in favor of the Pegulas.

Owners will be updated on the Los Angeles stadium situation; TV ratings, attendance and fan interest. They also will receive reports on the league's games in London—three this year for the first time—with two still to come. The NFL has an eye on adding more London games, perhaps as soon as next season.

But the spotlight will be on steps the NFL is taking to educate everyone in the league on domestic violence and sexual assault and abuse. The owners will view a short video, and

then will see about a 40-minute presentation by the league's player engagement department about educating everyone in the NFL on the subjects.

Heading into Wednesday's meetings, Goodell sent a memo to the owners in which he explained why the personal conduct policy needs revamping.

"For the past seven years, the personal conduct policy has brought credit to the league and to NFL players," he wrote. "But during that time, we did not sufficiently review the policy to keep it current and ensure that it properly reflected our values and those of our society. Our process for handling allegations of misconduct was not as well established as it needed to be. We relied almost exclusively on law enforcement and the courts to investigate offenses

and determine guilt. We did not set and adhere consistently enough to our own standards, and we allowed our disciplinary responses to fall below where they needed to be. Nowhere was this clearer than in the context of domestic violence and sexual assault."

These are the first league meetings since Goodell admitted he was wrong in giving Rice a two-game suspension for punching his then-fiancee in an elevator. Following a torrent of criticism, Goodell announced stiffer penalties for future domestic violence cases. After video of the punch was released, the Baltimore Ravens cut Rice and Goodell suspended him indefinitely. Rice has since appealed the suspension.

Other abuse cases involving Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson, Cardinals running

back Jonathan Dwyer and Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy also have been made public. All three are on an exempt list, suspended but still being paid.

In the midst of the domestic conduct maelstrom, the Pegulas' offer of \$1.4 billion for the Bills was approved by the NFL's finance committee. Promising to keep the franchise in Buffalo—honoring the wishes of the team's only previous owner, Ralph Wilson, who died in March, helped the Pegulas' pursuit. Paying far more than market value pushed them to the front of the bidding.

And on Wednesday, it should lead to confirmation of their ownership.

"The Pegulas have been a class act and very energized throughout the whole process," Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said Tuesday. "We will be delighted to approve them."



# Eda, ACS star in opening leg of X-Country series

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Seiya Eda ruled the boys U18 age group to lead 9 other division winners

in the Agape Christian School-dominated opening leg of the 2014 All Schools Cross Country Series last Saturday at the Airport Road.

Eda was the fastest among 12 other runners in his division, finishing the three-lap course in 22:08, while Agape had the biggest delegation in the weekend event, fielding 49 runners in five age groups of both the boys and girls divisions.

The Saipan Southern High School standout, a regular fixture in running events on the island, kept a steady pace and even allowed ACS bet Caleb Wang to enjoy the lead after two laps. Eda, who was almost 100 meters behind Wang, then made his move in the final lap, overtaking his opponent after the latter lost steam. Wang was 34 seconds behind at 22:42 for second place, while Dylan Ackerman, Eda's teammate at SSHA, finished third with a time of 23:50.

Claire Song led eight other ACS runners to rule the girls U18 division, clocking in at 31:02, while teammates Meriam Zhao (32:09) and Ruth Wang (33:12) placed second and third, respectively.

Ni Wei came in fourth (33:29) while Amy Liu was the only non-ACS runner in the Top 5, as



Participants in the first leg of the 2014 All Schools Cross Country Series run towards the finish line during last Saturday's race at the Airport Road.

the Marianas High School student finished fifth (33:44).

The boys U14 Top 3 finishers are all from ACS with David Cai (15:07) besting Jonathan Xiong (16:21) and Bob Zhang (16:27), while Sarah Wu (20:30), Elin Wang (22:33) and Lucy Gu (24:29) duplicated the feat in the girls division.

Agape bets also ruled the boys and girls U12 age group with Jeremiah Zhao (7:41) in first place, followed by Jason Huang (7:55) and Mack Guintu (8:09) and Annie Wang (8:33) leading the female field and

beating Mubei Wang (8:53) and Michelle Li (9:30).

San Vicente Elementary School swept the boys U10 division with John Eman crossing the finish line at 8:03 and John Lloyd (8:12) and Ron Muna (8:35) coming in at second and third.

Corrine Gordon of ACS (10:09) and Aliah Celis of SVES (13:25) were the only runners in girls U10, while ACS' Elvira Zhang (9:06), and SVES' Kathryn Sablan (11:45) and Kylie Sablan (11:47) were the Top 3 finishers in the girls U8 age group. Whispering

Palms School's Robert De-Courtney ruled the boys U8 division with a time of 9:28 while SVES' Abraham Sablan (13:53) and Gregory Ngotel (13:54) placed second and third, respectively.

Meanwhile, the second part of the Northern Marianas Athletics and Public School System-organized series will be held on Oct. 18 at 7am at the Susupe Civic Center. The third and final leg will then shift to the American Memorial Park on Oct. 25, while the finals will also be held at the AMP on Nov. 15 at 7am.

## WRESTLING

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like grappling, joint locks, pinning down your opponent, submission and take downs.

Wrestling, an ancient and modern day Olympic sport, is one of the programs offered in the Pacific Games and Micronesian Games. The CNMI won five of the 42 medals at stake in wrestling in the 2006 Micronesian Games, which was the last time the sport took place in the Commonwealth.

Palau topped the standings with a 4-1-1 gold-silver-bronze medal haul with Olympian El-

gin Loren Elwais ruling the 60kg divisions of the Greco-Roman and freestyle events. Mixed martial arts veteran Frank "The Crank" Camacho won the lone gold medal for the CNMI when he topped the freestyle's 84 kilogram division, while Jose Quan settled for the silver behind Palau's Francis Gibbons in freestyle's 66 kg weight class. John Lizama (55 kg Greco-Roman and freestyle) and Cuki Alvarez (74 kg freestyle) clinched the bronzes.

Interest in wrestling died down after that and Tarkong wants to change things and bring back the sport in the

CNMI's consciousness.

Alvarez, who is now into organizing MMA events and training fighters at the Trench Tech Gym, is also willing to help out as he, Tarkong and coach Joe Ocampo were the pioneers of wrestling in the CNMI.

"A lot of MMA fighters here first learned about grappling and submission, which are the basic moves of wrestling. We already have a stable of MMA fighters ready and they are well versed in wrestling. I think it will be an easy transition and we just have to learn some of the rules and

apply it during competition," Alvarez added.

Ocampo was elected as NMW's vice president while Saipan International School teacher Adam Harris, who competed in wrestling tournaments in high school and college in the U.S., is the group's treasurer.

Tarkong said NMW, which was admitted as one of Northern Marianas Sports Association's newest members, is in the process of being approved as a non-profit organization.

"We already submitted our charter," the NMW head added.

## JOETEN

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Leon contributing seven after a scoreless first half. However, in the fourth canto, Devero teamed up with White Capalad, Pete Lizama, and Justin Zapanta in bringing MBI/Anchor back into the game and the quarter managed to overhaul Joeten's lead and force the standoff after the regulation.

The four MBI/Anchor players still scored in the first overtime, while Lauron and De Leon carried the cudgels for Joeten to

end the match in another deadlock. De Leon then found a new ally in Teregeyo in the second and final extension to lift Joeten to victory, while Devero and company faded away to halt the team's two-game winning run.

**Joeten 107** – Lauron 32, De Leon 23, Teregeyo 17, Sambile 11, Tobias 11, Kwon 8, Jacob 3.

**MBI/Anchor 104** – Devero 41, Capalad 18, Lizama 17, Zapanta 17, Cordero 4, Viola 2, Garcia 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-17, 46-31, 68-58, 86-86, 97-97 (1OT), 107-104 (2OT)

## LEINA

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in Colorado, outlasted Newman University's Courtney Zietsman in the third playoff hole.

The Colorado State University-Pueblo junior golfer tamed the par-71, 5,600-yard with a 4-under 67 to lead the 78-player field on opening day. She slowed down in the final round with four bogeys, including double bogeys at the par-4 No. 6 for a 4-over 75 and even par 142 overall.

Those double bogeys negated her two birdies at Nos. 10 and 15 at the back nine and allowed Zietsman to catch her on top as the Newman University bet shot

a second-round 1-under par 70 to duplicate Kim's 142.

Zietsman matched Kim stroke after stroke for two holes to keep the deadlock, but the latter delivered under pressure and played steadily in the deciding third hole, hitting a 260-yard shot with the ball landing directly down the middle of the green. Kim, a three-time RMAC Women's Golfer of the Week awardee this season, then sank the winning putt downhill the left edge to seal the win.

Her teammate Julie Sanchez, who also brought home the RMAC Women's Golfer of the Week award, closed out the second round with a 3-over 71 for

## Timers debut in NMISF meet

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Volunteer timers got their baptism of fire in Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet for the 2014-2015 season held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

NMISF's Carol-Lynn Calobong-Pierce said they have several new timers from both Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan and last weekend's event served as their first official tournament.

"They are getting the hang of it (timing races). We need to continue training them as there are more meets to come this season," said Pierce, who helped conduct the competition along with Bobby Winkfield and other volunteers from both clubs and NMISF officials.

Twenty-one events took place in NMISF's first timed tournament and results are being finalized at press time and will be out once they were made official.

Of the 21 events, the 50m freestyle swim drew the most participants, as 30 joined the race and they were divided into six heats. Heat 1 had Tsunami Saipan's Aasish Dangol and David Ahn and SSC's

Cory Lee, while Wataru Kadokura, Manuel Babauta, and Jonathan Shu made up Heat 2.

The four other heats featured six swimmers each. Heat 3 had Tsunami's Rentaro Suzuki, who entered the race with the top PBT (55.54 seconds), and was joined by teammate Gabriel Retardo and Kenta Tomie, and SSC Matthew Zedde, Jefferey Sheu and Dino Sato. In Heat 4, SSC's Richard Villagomez had the fastest PBT (41.07 seconds) and raced against fellow SSC member Dominic Zedde and Akira Kadokura and Tsunami Saipan's Hans Zu, Isaiah Aleksenko, and Arman Rechucher.

Another SSC bet, David Boyer, owned the fastest PBT (32.87 seconds) on Heat 5, which also included his teammates Jinnosuke Suzuki, Rintaro Miyawaki, and Leo Takahashi and Tsunami Saipan's Ja Min Elliot and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero.

Four SSC swimmers and two Tsunami Saipan members also made up the final heat. SSC was represented in Heat 6 by siblings Ryuto and Kaito Yanai, Christian Villacrusis, and Lennosuke Suzuki, while Tsunami Saipan had Mark Maestro and Takumi Sugi.

The complete events and results of last weekend's competition will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Friday edition.



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A volunteer timer prepares her stop watch, while Saipan Swim Club's David Boyer gets ready at the starting block of the 50m freestyle event during last Saturday's NMISF first meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

a two-day haul of 148 to end up tied for sixth. A triple bogey at the par-4 No. 5 foiled her attempt for a second straight Top 3 finish. Sanchez had his fourth Top 5 finish this season after placing tied for third together with Kim and Metro State University's Cha Cha Willhoite in the RMAC #2 Tournament last week.

CSU-Pueblo junior Danielle DuPont had rounds of 87 for joint 49th while San Antonio, Texas native Natasha Navarro tallied 175 to land in a tie for 51st and Greely, Colorado bet Samantha Geisick ended up tied at 59th with a 36-over 179.

The Lady ThunderWolves as a team finished sixth over with a

two-day tally of 636 or 46 shots back of tournament winner Newman University's round of 291 and 299 for 590, while host West Texas A&M came in at second with its 604. Metro State placed third (618), while St. Mary's and Wayland Baptist finished tied for fourth to fifth spots with their identical scores of 620.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Colorado Mesa University, Lubbock Christian University, Regis University, Western New Mexico University, Adams State College, Colorado Christian University, Chadron State College, and Fort Lewis College were the other competing schools.



# 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League Finals

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa goes up for a left-handed layup against Pacific Islands Club's Jack Aranda during their title game in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Pacific Islands Club's James Abuy drives and drops the ball to teammate Darwin Barbo.



Pacific Islands Club's Darwin Barbo fakes off the defense of Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa.



Pacific Islands Club's Jake Quitugua pulls up for a fallaway shot over Shirley's Coffee Shop's Vince Manibusan.



Shirley's Coffee Shop's Sean Rabasto unloads a running jumper.



Pacific Islands Club's Jack Aranda goes up for an off-balance shot against Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa.



Pacific Islands Club and Shirley's Coffee Shop players battle for the loose ball.



Shirley's Coffee Shop's Fradel Sedillo pulls up for a jumper against Pacific Islands Club's Ham Hambrose, left, and Jake Quitugua.



Shirley's Coffee Shop's Josephus Aguilar, second left, challenges the defense of Pacific Islands



Pacific Islands Club's mascot Siheky greets PIC players.





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Kershaw  
again, head to  
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# Wrestling pins hopes on youth



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Northern Marianas Wrestling is counting on MMA fighters, here exchanging grappling and locking down skills in a previous competition on Saipan, to jumpstart its program.

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**N**orthern Marianas Wrestling is banking on an aggressive five-year youth developmental program to produce highly-competitive wrestlers who would represent the CNMI in future off-island competitions.

"We're planning a five-year program where we want to introduce it to high schools in the CNMI then slowly bring it to the elementary level," said NMW president Jason Tarkong, who is also counting on the help of MMA fighters in the CNMI to jumpstart the program.

"It is a win-win situation. We teach kids the sport. They also

learn about being disciplined and they stay out of drugs and other vices. We have a steady group of MMA fighters who know and have a background of the sport (wrestling)," the NMW head added.

Tarkong said some of MMA's moves take its roots to wrestling

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## Leina ends RMAC fall season with victory

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Leina Kim regained her winning form to end the 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference fall season with a title

Leina Kim, seen here pointing to her winning score in last year's tournament, incidentally shot a two-day total of 142 in her last event for the fall season and eventually won the West Texas A&M Lady Buff Invitational in the third playoff hole.



the La Paloma Golf Course in Amarillo, Texas.

Kim, who topped her first three competitions and finished tied for third in last week's RMAC Tournament #2 at Junction's Bookcliff Country Club

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## Joeten nips MBI/Anchor in 2OT

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Joeten played their second straight extended game and this time pulled the rug under erstwhile leader Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor, 107-104, in a double overtime curtain-raiser in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Joeten, which came from an 80-83 overtime loss to Public School System last week, needed two extra periods to beat MBI/Anchor (2-1) and make it to the win column after a 0-2 start. Kevin De Leon and Syl Teregeyo delivered for Joeten in the second extension, as they scored all of the team's 10 markers with the former knocking in three crucial free throws and a field goal and the latter drilling two field goals and a split charity.

De Leon and Teregeyo held their ground against Aries Cordero and Justin Zapanta, who were the only two players to hit the board for MBI/Anchor. Zapanta canned a triple to start MBI/

Anchor's scoring in the second overtime, while Cordero tallied the team's last 4 points off a trey and a split free throw.

Ivan Devero and Alex Lauron, who top-scored for MBI/Anchor and Joeten, respectively, with their 41 and 32 points, were non-factors in the second overtime, but made their contribution in the earlier periods. Lauron's basket sent the game in the first extension, while Devero's field goal stretched the match to another five minutes.

Devero anchored MBI/Anchor's offense early as the team lost another gunner in Angelo Fernando. Fernando had to be brought to the hospital midway in the second quarter of the match as he went over the back of a De Leon and had a bad fall. With one MBI/Anchor's offensive threat out, Joeten turned a 21-17 cushion to a 46-31 half-time edge. Teregeyo, Ferdie Tobias, and Lauron logged 6 points piece in the second period to give Joeten the double-figure margin.

Joeten retained the double-digit lead at the end of the third, 68-58, with Lauron adding 8 more points and De

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Joeten's Alex Lauron fakes off the defense and draws contact on Public School System's Bobby Coldeen during the fourth quarter of their game in the JP World caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Joeten lost in overtime 80-83, but bounced back with a 107-104 double overtime win against MBI/Anchor last Monday night.

